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## Town to debate MBTA zoning article, budget and others at Town Meeting on Saturday, May 4

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Saturday, May 4, Wilmington's annual Town Meeting is set to begin at 9 a.m. in the Wilmington High School auditorium. The meeting cannot begin until a satisfactory number of residents are present in person. The meeting will also be played live on WCTV.

Town Moderator Jonathan Eaton may begin with a brief statement explaining the rules and expectations for the meeting. The moderator will also establish how the votes will take place and when a 2/3 majority is needed.

The articles established by the town are typically addressed in order. In this case, those are articles 1 through 28, and after a motion is made to bring up each article, then there will be time for discussion

followed by a vote. As has been done in the past few years, a consent agenda has been prepared in advance. This can also be amended by any resident by way of a motion at the meeting. Should the consent agenda vote pass, they will move through the rest of the articles and pass over the ones in the consent agenda.

They will therefore begin with article 1: to bring in votes from the annual town election relative to the one Select Board member, two Wilmington School Committee members, one Shawsheen Tech School Committee member, and the Town Moderator.

Upon hearing article 2, relative to reports of committees, the consent agenda will be suggested. If the vote passes, the town will discuss and vote not only on this article but also ar-

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## Wilmington Minutemen represented at Patriot's Day Parade

Once again, the Wilmington Company of Minutemen proudly represented Wilmington at Boston's annual Patriot's Day Parade on Monday, April 15: From left, Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Cadwell of Old North Church, Minuteman Chaplain Austin Major, Pvt. Harlow Spanks, Safety Officer Keith Major, Company Sgt J.D. Spanks, Minuteman Captain Frank West, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and unknown Colonial reenactor.

(Courtesy photo)

## School Committee recognizes MJ Byrnes

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — MJ Byrnes participated in her final meeting as part of the School Committee on Wednesday, April 24, as she did not seek re-election and her term ran out. The School Committee dedicated time to recognizing Byrnes for all of her time and effort spent as a volunteer on behalf of students, parents, and families in Wilmington.

Chair David Ragsdale first shared that Byrnes served for 12 years, across four terms, with 17 other committee members. She would've attended over 240 meetings during that time. He spoke to her tireless work as a legislative liaison, longtime secretary of the committee, delegate to

the MASC conference, All State School Committee vicechair, and contract negotiator.

Stephen Turner said that he was in awe of Byrnes' dedication to the families of Wilmington and inspired by her advocacy for the most complex and vulnerable students. He said she is kind, compassionate, and a great leader. He also expressed gratitude for her shared knowledge and support. He added that her passion and enthusiasm for this work was also notable.

Ragsdale read a statement from previous School Committee member Steve Bjork, who said that Byrnes always put the students first. He then read a statement from former School Committee member

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## O'Connell announced as assistant town manager

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On April 30, temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia announced the appointment of Judy O'Connell to the role of assistant town manager.

The position was previously occupied by Susan Inman, whose last day in Wilmington was March 15. Inman served as the town's assistant town manager

/human resources director for two years and three months. Kathy Godfrey is now the town's human resources director.

Per Cimaglia's statement, O'Connell is a life-long Wilmington resident who graduated from Wilmington High School and Merrimack College. O'Connell has since gained a combined 28 years of experience in the areas of administrative support, athletic coaching, human resources benefits, municipal government, sales, real estate, and marketing.

O'Connell volunteered on the Wilmington School Committee from 2007 to 2010 and on the Wilmington Select Board from 2011 until 2017 and again from 2021 to 2023. Her last day on the Select Board was April 22, 2023.

## Not many changes proposed for bus routes

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee met on Wednesday, April 24 to receive updates for the district about high school activities, transportation, special education, and federal grants.

High school students Maddie Benoit and Zim DeHart shared some of the recent ongoing for students including a Garden Club plant sale fundraiser, senior final exams, junior prom, a bridging generations event with the senior center, national wrestling tour-

namment, an a cappella performance at Reading High School, Model UN Club, and presentations by the counseling department.

There were currently Wilmington students away on the Spanish exchange program. Benoit also added that seniors were already off on their projects and internships and loving the chance to get on-hands experience. They looked forward to senior prom and AP exams.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand introduced the transportation update, as it was his desire to create

a framework around what the community can expect and what is reasonable and appropriate regarding transportation in the district.

Transportation Director Lisa Faretra stated that they wouldn't have many changes between this year and next year. She mentioned that they would make some routes more logistically sound. However, they would not focus as much on ridership, and she said that they continue to see students register but not use the bus. They would continue to limit the capacity of each bus to 50 stu-

dents, although the bus may fit more.

Brand declared that his administration would not recommend any school start times to change for the upcoming school year. However, there may be some updates with the afternoon bus ride.

Faretra explained that they are going to use whatever buses are available at the bell time, which may involve students taking a different bus number home than they take to school. She said that this is a regular practice in other districts.

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## School Committee receives superintendent's report

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, April 24, Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report for the School Committee pertained to the athletic summer camp program, end of year fiscal report, and middle school advisory block.

Brand first shared on behalf of Athletic Director Dennis Ingram that enrollment already began for the summer athletic camp program. This would be the 15th year of Wilmington offering the program.

School Committee mem-

ber Jesse Fennelly asked when this information would be live on the school website, and Brand answered that it would be live immediately after the meeting. He also mentioned that the information would be announced through the athletic department and be communicated by school newsletters.

Next, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggerio gave the fiscal year 2023 end of year report. He included one finding in particular, which he said is typical for the school district, related to the town's allocation of

funds and health insurance costs charged to the department. He highlighted the need to formalize the process.

MJ Byrnes asked if there was any impact to the district in not addressing this issue, and Ruggerio simply said that the district's auditors have told them to make sure the process is documented.

Wilmington Middle School Principal Jeanette Quirk then delivered an update on the school's advisory block. She recalled that the need for an advisory period was identified in 2022, at which point a committee was

created to develop the program.

The advisory block was first implemented in the 2022-2023 school year. This school year is its second year of implementation, and they now have advisory block only once in the six-day rotation. The purpose of this time is to create small groups of students who can build relationships with staff and other students in a non-academic setting.

It would also provide time to set expectations for students in terms of behavior and responsibilities.

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Wilmington Library News:

Town wide yard sale applications due Wednesday, May 15

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, May 6, 6 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group meets every Monday in the cozy seating area of the first floor of the library.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, May 7, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Baking with Chili Crisp Demo — with Nine Winters Bakery

Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m.

Marissa Ferola, baker and founder of Nine Winters Bakery in Somerville, MA, will teach us how to make chili crisp toffee and chili crisp peanut butter cookies. And yes, samples will be provided!

Craft & Chat

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. All craft supplies provided. This month's featured craft is a Bunny Plaque.

Needleworkers

Friday, May 10, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Time for Twos

Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour

Wednesday, May 8, 3 p.m.

The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Girls Who Code

Wednesday, May 8, 6 p.m.

Girls Who Code is an organization that aims to close the gender gap in STEM fields by teaching girls to code. Over the twelve weeks you'll learn about coding, women in the STEM fields, and work together to code your own project. Grades 3-5

Baby Time

Thursday, May 9, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon: Paper Chain Wall Hanging

Thursday, May 9, 3:45 p.m.

Come make a fun craft with us! Design and make a colorful paper chain wall hanging! Grades 4-8

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.

Join us at our Drop-In Storytimes! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

Lil' Bookworms

Friday, May 10, 4 p.m.

A book club for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2. Children will enjoy a variety of books while practicing reading and comprehension skills. Each session will end with time to socialize during a craft or activity! Grades K-2

Intro to Drawing Anime/Manga

Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.

Are you interested in beginning to draw manga style characters or want to improve your skills? Learn basics of anime style illustration from a freelance illustrator! We'll practice drawing fundamentals such as line quality and basic shapes. We'll also talk about character design, beginner mistakes, and resources for drawing. Grades 6-12

Teen DnD

Saturday, May 11, 3 p.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? This month's session will be IN PERSON at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12



▲ Town Wide Yard Sale applications are available at the library for the first 60 applicants! The seller fee is \$20, which includes free signs and promotion. The application deadline is May 15, with the Yard Sale itself taking place on June 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

On the Mat — Episode #2 (podcast)

On this episode of On The Mat, guest Carl Beatrice talks about his high school career at Wilmington High. Carl also talks about his career at Salem State University where he played baseball. Hosts, Braedon and Jacob ask questions about how the current Wilmington High baseball season is going and touch on what have been the main keys of success for the team early on in the season after getting off to a hot 5-1 start. They also discuss what the team needs to do moving forward, to keep their hot streak going.

Wildcat Sports Update — Episode #83

On this episode of Wildcat Sports Update, host Jim Boyle sits down with six of the seven 2024 Wilmington High School baseball team seniors: Noah Spencer, Nolan Joyce, Jacob Doherty, Mike Dynan, Eric Spinnery, and captain Austin Harper. Each guest shares their personal and team goals for the season and their future goals. They also share their favorite memories from playing baseball for Wilmington High School.

\*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's YouTube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

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Wednesday May 1, 6:30 p.m. MSBA-Wildwood School meeting

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District close to having all students on the bus home within 15 minutes of the bell

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As they prepare for the next school year, Faretra anticipated some challenges including summer traffic patterns and students getting on the right bus number.

Jesse Fennelly asked how close the district is to having all students on the bus home within 15 minutes of the bell. Faretra said that they are largely there, although there are still days when they're a few minutes off. She also shared that all students arrive at home within 35 minutes of the bell, and the students who get picked up a few minutes after the bell have shorter rides.

Brand thanked the committee members who worked with Faretra to create a frequently asked questions document for parents and families. He said it was important to embrace this framework for the operations of the district's transportation service. He mentioned that the oversight of the budget provides the number of buses that the district can run. He asked the rest of the committee to seek to understand and support the document, and if not, to pursue amendments to their plans for next year.

Stephen Turner commented that parents and guardians have shared an expectation of being able to see their students at the bus stop from their house. Faretra replied that the district can't feasibly provide door-to-door service, but they rely on traffic data, the police department, and common sense to provide safety. She said they could set guidelines that going to the bus stop is a family event.

David Ragsdale asked about the bus pass system, and Faretra shared that it seemed to work well previously, and if the student forgets their bag with the bus pass on it, they can alert a staff member who will tell the bus driver.

Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-Legrand later delivered a brief update about special education tiered focus monitoring. She said that this process was underway in the district with an onsite school visit from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education this year, having completed a self-assessment last year, and next year they would create a continuous improvement or corrective action plan.

Their current findings suggested that the district

was in full compliance in all special education indicators. She also mentioned that the onsite school visit included parent interviews but not classroom observations.

Jay Samaha commented that it must be validating to see the progress and confirmed the compliance efforts do impact Wilmington families.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott then described the district's involvement in a federal grant audit, which takes place every three years, and requires evidence uploads. She said that she viewed the process as an opportunity to ensure the district is in compliance while also self-assessing for growth and problem-solving.

The result has showed that they are partially implemented in some of the areas measured. The findings said that the district lacks an English as a Second Language system and/or staffing capacity and uses two separate grading systems for English learners and non-English learners.

They also found that the district does not consistently support an ESL curriculum across all grades, always respond to requests for policies in

other languages, or send notifications within 10 days of registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. There was also a need identified for teachers to maintain their SEI endorsement.

In response to these results, they were working to establish more collaboration and guidance for ESL, update the curriculum and simplify the grading systems, incorporate a new translation tool, create a new parent notification procedure for new students from multilingual families, and provide a vehicle for teachers to seek their required SEI endorsements.

Elliott and her team had prepared the continuous improvement and monitoring plan and returned it to DESE. There would still be more work as they submit other pieces of evidence over the next nine months.


The committee also discussed the Town Meeting warrant article related to the proposed renaming of the Woburn Street School. They voted in favor of adopting a resolution recommending disapproval.

Their next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at Wilmington High School.

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



After a disaster, affected taxpayers may qualify for tax relief

Tax relief is available for people living in areas that are declared disasters by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. To find out whether an area qualifies for federal disaster relief, taxpayers should check [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).

Affected taxpayers have more time to file and pay: If taxpayers live at an address in an area that qualifies for IRS disaster tax relief, they automatically get extra time from the IRS to file returns and pay taxes.

Casualty loss tax deduction: If people have damaged or lost property due to a federally declared disaster, they may qualify to claim a casualty loss deduction and get a larger refund. They can claim this on their current or prior-year tax return.

Rebuild lost records with a tax return transcript: If people have lost their tax records, they can request a tax return transcript and a copy of their tax return from the IRS.

Taxpayers can get tax return transcripts online or request mail delivery with Get Transcript. Taxpayers can also file Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return.

To get a copy of a tax return, taxpayers can file Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. The IRS waives the fees and expedites these requests for people who need to apply for disaster-related benefits or file amended returns to claim disaster-related losses.

To speed up the process, taxpayers who file Forms 4506-T or 4506 should:

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## Rep. Moulton honors Ava Rega from Shawsheen Tech at art competition

BEVERLY — The Sixth District Congressional High School Art Competition and Show recently celebrated the talent of young artists from the Sixth Essex Massachusetts Congressional District. From March 14-16, the gallery was displayed at Montserrat College of Art, providing a platform for students in grades 10-12 to showcase their creativity. With 122 student entries from 21 participating schools, the competition showcased an array of artistic talent.

One standout submission was "Frankie," a captivating portrait by Ava Rega, a senior in Design & Visual Communications (DVC) at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School. Ava's piece was one of six internally juried from Shawsheen, to represent the school's talent.

"Frankie" quickly became a favorite among viewers, thanks to its unique combination of acrylic paint, colored pencil, and pastel chalk. Ava Rega's distinctive style, characterized by elements of

horror and psychedelic themes, set her work apart from other submissions.

The intriguing backstory behind the portrait adds to its allure. Despite both Rega and her subject, Frankie Hawkins, attending high schools in Billerica and being just one year apart, they've never actually met in person. This discovery led to a conversation that blossomed into a virtual friendship.

Through their social media exchanges, Rega gathered insights into Hawkins' personality and in-

corporated personal touches into the portrait. The inclusion of baby's-breath and vampire teeth in the portrait showcases Rega's attention to detail and her intent to capture Hawkins' distinctive style.

Reflecting on her creative process, Rega expressed, "I appreciated the creative freedom I had when constructing this piece."

She also highlighted the technical challenges of ensuring accurate facial proportions to realistically portray her muse.

Rega's exceptional talent garnered recognition from Montserrat College of Art's Interim President Brian Pellinen and Congressman Seth Moulton. She was honored with a certificate for "Best of School" and re-

ceived a \$500 scholarship to one of Montserrat's esteemed pre-college programs.

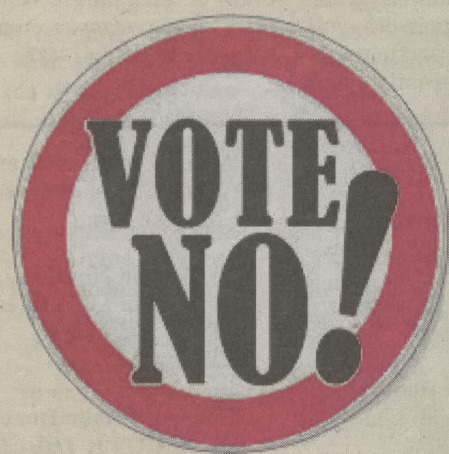
The Sixth District Congressional High School Art Competition and Show remains a vital platform for nurturing young artistic talent, inspiring creativity, and fostering connections within Massachusetts' vibrant artistic community.



▲ "Frankie," a portrait by Shawsheen Tech senior Ava Rega, is a mixed-media piece using acrylic paint, colored pencil, and pastel chalk. It features Billerica High School alumni Frankie Hawkins, Class of '23. (Courtesy photo)



Wilmington resident Ava Rega, a senior in Shawsheen's Design and Visual Communications program, proudly holds her portrait "Frankie" after winning "Best in School" in the Sixth District Congressional High School Art Competition. (Courtesy photo)



The Zoning District Must  
Allow for a **MINIMUM** of  
**1,248**  
Multi-Family Units



**The Town of Wilmington will vote Saturday, May 4th  
at Wilmington High School at 9 AM  
on the MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District**

A YES vote will change our beautiful community forever. The town's population will increase from 22,000 to almost 30,000 with the zoning district allowing for a **minimum** of 1,248 multi-family units. This opens the door for developers to find available lots without special permits. All properties will be two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments, up to 3-stories high. Some apartments will be market rate, while others will be dedicated to affordable housing (low-income and very low-income). If we, the residents, vote NO the zoning laws will remain unchanged.

The state wants to tell us how we should vote. If we don't vote in their favor, they threaten to withhold grants and decrease Wilmington Authority funding. Sounds like extortion and unconstitutional.

Wilmington Finance Committee and Planning Board okayed this plan and are using scare tactics to warn the community of what we could lose by not voting yes. They are encouraging us to "find out risks" if the new zoning for MBTA Communities gets voted down. They try to warn us that Milton is being sued by the Attorney General for voting NO. The town of Milton then went to court and the judge is now putting this before the State Supreme Judicial full court later this year. Justice Serge Georges Jr. wrote, "I believe that this case raises novel questions of law which are of public importance, and which are time sensitive and likely to recur." On April 23rd, Marshfield also voted NO on Multi-family zoning. The state will not be suing Marshfield.

While the Wilmington Finance Committee and Planning Board warns of the possible risks, if we vote no, they fail to warn us of the actual risks if we vote yes. A yes vote will increase the number of students, pushing classroom sizes to capacity. We will need more teachers, space, and build more schools for these children. In turn, we will need more firemen, police and public workers. Also, with this increase in population there will be more cars on the road which will create more traffic than we already experience. These are just some of the ramifications and why we must vote **NO**.

**I love Wilmington. The people of Wilmington made this paradise the place we call home, not the state.**

**If the state gets its way, the future of our current way of living will be forever changed.**

**1250 = 3750 CONDOS/APARTMENTS = 15,000 INCREASE OF POPULATION, 7,500 BEING CHILDREN**



## Upcoming local events

May 4, annual Spring Town Clean Up, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pick up bags at town hall. Special services: Paper Shredding/Electronics Recycling/Tire Collection at DPW 9 a.m. - noon, Food Pantry Donation/Clothing Donation/MSPCA Donation all at DPW 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Service Hours available. Email: [clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com](mailto:clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com) with questions. Flyer on town website.

May 4, Free Women's Self-Defense Training, ATA This is a free event and the classes are held at ATA Martial Arts of Tewksbury 361 Main St. on Saturday, May 4 noon - 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 10 a.m. - noon. Register here: <https://membersite.net/VIP/default.aspx?EV-bbhgm5>

May 4, VFW Day of Service, 10 a.m. VFW Post 8164 members join with the community for a collaborative effort to clean up the town cemetery in preparation for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Volunteers will rake and haul away debris accumulated over the winter months. This event aims to honor veterans and ensure that the cemetery is properly maintained for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony, East Street Cemetery, 172 East St., Tewksbury

May 4, Indoor Community Yard Sale & Lunch, Tewksbury Senior Center, Browse tables of treasures and enjoy a variety of lunch options including hot dogs, chicken salad, peppers, sausages, and onions, chips, drink. 50/50 Raffle. 9am - 3pm. Contact Ginny for details at 978-851-3297 to reserve your space (we provide the table). \$25/1 or \$35/2. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Elderly!

May 6, annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov) Click View All News.

May 8, special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov) Click View All News.

May 11, Power of Flowers Project Bloom Festival 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grow Greenhouses, 1 Greenhouse Road, Tewksbury. Purchase a wide variety of annuals, perennials, locally created artisan goods, garden novelty items, and other unique gifts. Take a chance to win a \$250 Gift Card to Mahoney's Garden Centers. For more information visit [pofproject.org](http://pofproject.org)

May 11, Friends of the Library Book Donation event, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your gently used books for resale to benefit the Friends. No encyclopedias, dictionaries, or textbooks please. No moldy items.

May 11, Shawsheen Tech Spring Fling Community Fair, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Free admission. Food trucks, inflatables, wellness, craft vendors, raffles and more. 300 Cook St., Billerica.

May 15, Dine Out at Mac's Dairy Farm to benefit the Friends of the Library. Mention the Friends all day.

May 18, Tewksbury Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the grounds of the Tewksbury Public Library.

May 18, Tewksbury/Billerica Rabies clinic, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Cats in carriers. Dogs on 6 ft leash. No retractable leashes. Proof of prior vaccine. Free microchipping. 1 and 3 year vaccine \$25 administered by Shawsheen Animal Hospital. For info call 978-215-9639.

May 22, Learn about the Lions Club, TJ Callahan's, 7 p.m.

June 8, 2024, Tewksbury Historical Society Annual Meeting, 1 p.m. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St.



▲Runners big and small have supported Alternative House's Turkey Trot over the years. Now the agency hopes the community rallies around the new Healing Steps run/walk. (Courtesy photo)

## First Alternative House Healing Steps 5K/10K Walk/Run

LOWELL — Alternative House is proud to announce the inaugural Healing Steps 5K/10K Walk/Run, scheduled for June 2, 2024, to support survivors of domestic violence. Runners and walkers will set out at 8 a.m. from LASA Foundation, previously the Elks, at 40 Old Ferry Road, Lowell.

Domestic violence affects thousands of people in the Merrimack Valley every year. Alternative House served close to 2,000 people in 2023. The Healing Steps 5K/10K will raise awareness and funds to support survivors on their journeys to healing and empowerment.

Alternative House invites participants of all ages and fitness levels to join in. Whether you walk, jog, or run, you will contribute to a vital cause — spreading awareness and showing solidarity with

survivors of domestic violence. There is also a virtual participation option.

"We are excited to launch the Healing Steps as a symbol of hope and resilience, building on the tradition of our Thanks 4 Giving race," said Maria Crooker-Capone, Executive Director at Alternative House. "This new annual event will not only raise critical funds but also foster a sense of community support for survivors and emphasize the importance of breaking the cycle of domestic violence. We thank the LASA Foundation for opening its doors to Alternative House."

Funds raised through registration fees, sponsorships, and donations will directly benefit Alternative House's programs and services. Participants will provide essential support, including shelter, counseling,

legal assistance, advocacy, visitation, and educational resources.

The importance of supporting survivors of domestic violence cannot be overstated. Domestic violence affects individuals and families in profound ways, causing physical and emotional harm that can have lasting effects. By participating in events like the Healing Steps, our community comes together to raise awareness and show solidarity with survivors.

The family-friendly nature of the race is key to its success. It sends a powerful message that everyone, regardless of age or ability, can play a role in supporting survivors and working toward a future free from domestic violence.

The Alternative House family extends its gratitude to the sponsors, volunteers, and participants whose generosity and

commitment make events like the Healing Steps possible.

"Every day, I am inspired by the staff and volunteers at Alternative House who work diligently to make sure that survivors and their children are empowered," said Steve Murthey, President of the Alternative House Board of Directors. "We walk and we run to show survivors that, in the Greater Lowell community, they are not alone."

Join Alternative House on June 2, 2024, for the Healing Steps 5K/10K Race/Walk and take a stand against domestic violence. Together, we can create a community where survivors are empowered, because there's no excuse for abuse.

For registration and event details, please visit <http://www.racewire.com/register.php?id=13527>

## Local students achieve honors at Malden Catholic

MALDEN — Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the second and third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. The

school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

WILMINGTON

Malden Catholic Honors — QUARTER TWO 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)  
• Juliana Angiuoni  
• Antonia DiZoglio  
• Amelia Foti  
• Shannon Hounsell  
• Casey Kelley  
• Megan Mullarky  
• Alyvia New  
• Matthew Newhouse  
• Patricia Stevens  
• Jaelyn Walsh

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)  
• Keira Rice  
• Cole Tucker

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)  
• Katelyn Cirame  
• Roman DiZoglio  
• Bruce Green Audette  
• Ryan Papineau  
• Derek Perault  
• Thomas Pereira

Malden Catholic Honors — QUARTER THREE 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)  
• Amelia Foti  
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First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)  
• Casey Kelley  
• Matthew Newhouse  
• Cole Tucker

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)  
• Adrian Babu  
• Roman DiZoglio  
• Megan Mullarky  
• Derek Perault

TEWKSBURY

Malden Catholic Honors — QUARTER TWO 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)  
• Zachary Balandan  
• Anthony Nalen

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)  
• Trevi Balandan  
• Anthony Nalen

(85 to 89 in all classes)  
• Alyson Desaulniers  
• Anelise Lima

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)  
• Trevi Balandan  
• Michael Casey

Malden Catholic Honors — QUARTER THREE 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)  
• Zachary Balandan  
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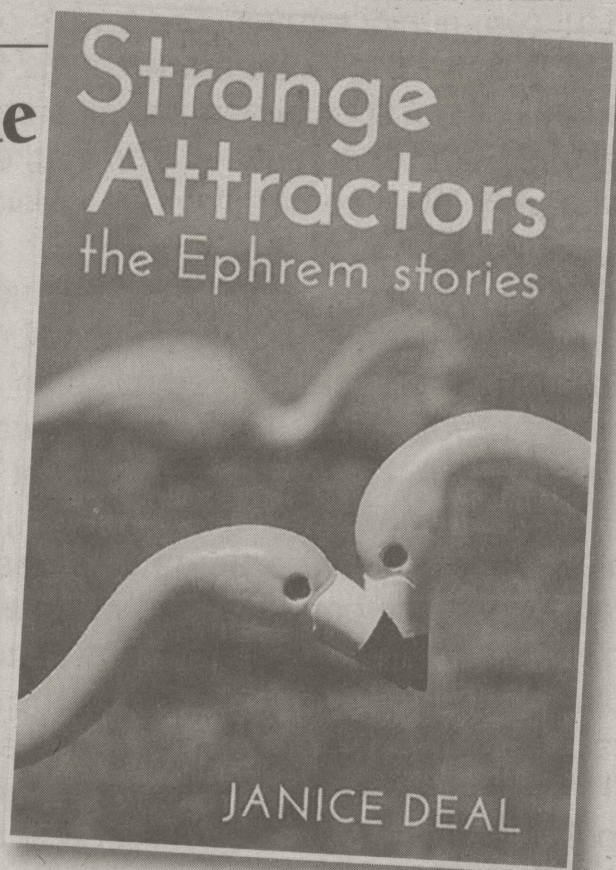
## 'Wherever my people are, that's home'

Have you ever dreamed of inventing your own town? Or living in a fictional locale? Not Narnia or Hobbiton or Mars — it's Ephrem, Illinois.

That's the setting for Janice Deal's new collection of linked short stories set in a smallish-ruralish-suburbanish town, sprung from the author's imagination and made more

realistic by a town map. "Strange Attractors, The Ephrem Stories," is the subject of the 125th Book Stew episode, hosted by Eileen MacDougall.

There are indeed strange situations for Ephrem residents on the Illinois-Wisconsin border. There are squirrel and turtle housemates. There is a woman who has a job screening



comments left online on funeral home obituaries. And there's a murderer. Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand, via the links below:

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Soundcloud podcast: <http://tinyurl.com/bookstew125-sc>

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# OBITUARIES

## Kenneth Charles Baldwin Member of UNH faculty for 36 years

Kenneth Charles Baldwin, 73, of Lyman, Maine passed away at his home on Kennebunk Pond on April 24, 2024.

He was the son of the late Annie and Charles Baldwin of Wilmington. Ken graduated from Wilmington High School in Wilmington in 1968, went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New Hampshire, and obtained his doctorate degree in ocean engineering from the University of Rhode Island in 1982.

Ken was on the faculty of the University of New Hampshire from 1982-2018. He was the founding director of UNH's Center for Ocean Engineering, he worked on numerous research projects with scientists, fellow faculty members and students, was department chair for five years and retired as a full professor.

Outside of work, Ken was a battered but passionate hockey player, slow and steady hiker, fairly good surfer, paddleboarder, and Nordic skier. In his later years he embraced cycling and travelling with his

wife Lorna all over the map as well as camping across the continent in their travel trailer. He was always planning and researching a new adventure.

Ken is survived by his wife Lorna Munnick, and their combined family: Hannah Baldwin and husband Rob Dillan of Durham, NH, Samuel Baldwin of Liverpool, Canada, Jared Archambault and wife Meghan of Lyman, ME, Michael Archambault and fiancée Josie Chadbourne of Lyman, ME, Luis Valverde of Shapleigh, ME as well as his extremely smart, and good-looking grandchildren Oliver, Clara, Gabriel, Veronica, Nathan, Anabell, Thomas, Ella, and Waylon.

Ken is also survived by his younger sister Kim Baldwin of Wilmington.

Kenneth is predeceased by his younger brother Keith Baldwin, an older sister Karen Baldwin, and wife Clare McBain.

Ken will be remembered as a quintessential, absent-minded professor, die-hard cribbage player, vehement environmentalist and someone who was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a political junkie and went to his grave incredulous that



Donald Trump has not yet been jailed.

Ken always believed that he could leave the world better than it was found. To honor Ken's memory, his family encourages you to go out and make our world a better place, by doing a random act of kindness.

Calling hours will be from 12-2 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred, ME.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Ken's Book of Memories Page at [www.bibbersautumngreen.com](http://www.bibbersautumngreen.com).

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green 47 Oak St, Alfred, ME 04002.

## Douglas A. Chisholm Lt. of Medford Auxiliary Fire Department

Douglas A. Chisholm, a long-time resident of Wilmington died peacefully on April 26, 2024 at Lahey Hospital, holding hands with his wife Beth Magnuson and daughter Bethany Chisholm.

Doug was born in Quincy to Margaret (née Spooner) and Harry Chisholm and raised in Braintree.

As the eldest son, his fierce independence led to answering a television ad in 1964 calling for summer workers at Sandy Island Family Camp on New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee. He started his first two years as a boat mechanic's assistant, quickly developing his foundation of technical skills.

In 1966, he attended Paul Smith's College in upstate New York to study forestry. There, he helped found the campus volunteer fire department with a handful of fellow students and a 1942 World War II surplus fire truck.

He served as the department's assistant chief, an incredibly important contribution to his life's story that he carried through a 50-year anniversary with the original crew and beyond.

Doug continued working at Sandy Island during the 1970s, eventually becoming a "Weekender" volunteer tending to all facets of the camp's electrical, plumbing, and fire safety operations. He met Eileen O'Shea, and the couple married in New Jersey, soon landing in Massachusetts where Doug served as Lieutenant of the Medford Auxiliary Fire Department.

The couple moved to Wilmington in 1979 and Doug settled into suburban life as an electrical contractor and ham radio hobbyist (license number WA1BLG).

In 1986, the couple were thrilled to adopt their son Paul from Seoul, South Korea, and Doug was forever charmed and amused by Paul's mischievous ingenuity and desire to copy everything his fa-

ther did. Their daughter Bethany was adopted from Pusan, South Korea in 1990 and the family was complete.

Through the 1990s, Doug's electrical work brought him to a wide array of sites throughout the Boston area, including Mahoney's Garden Centers, Logan Airport, the House of Blues Boston, and his favorite — the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Brookline. He became a single father when Eileen suddenly passed in 1999, bravely navigating his children through the complexities of life and grief while teaching them independence.

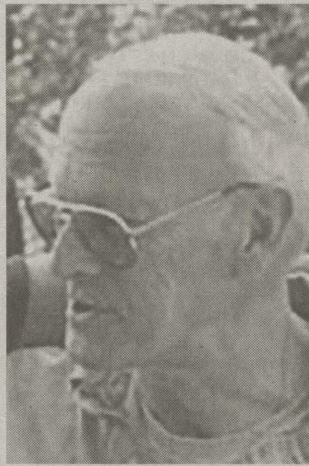
Doug and Beth Magnuson were brought together on Sandy Island during the fall "off-season" as volunteers closing the camp for the year. The couple married in July 2001, expanding the family to include Beth's daughter Sandi Lemieux and son Trevor Lemieux.

Doug and Beth continued their summers and pre- and post-season work weekends for nearly two decades together, tackling the kitchen, island infrastructure, and Doug's beloved Fire Brigade.

Through the years, Doug proudly watched his family grow. He drove Sandi to her wedding ceremony to Kyle Williams at Juliet's Point on the Engine 2 in 2013, walked Bethany down the aisle to marry Justin Yost in 2015, and became a grandfather to Ryleigh Williams in 2016 and Nathan Williams in 2019.

Doug was known as a veritable grump, but everyone knew just below the surface, he was a compassionate, kind person who showed love and care through acts of service. His legacy is a man who knew how to fix anything, an enthusiastic teacher, and a consistent friend with a razor sharp wit.

His impact had a ripple effect through the decades — he touched the lives of generations of volun-



teer firefighters, aspiring tradespeople, loyal customers, and thousands of Sandy Islanders. Usually holding a travel mug of coffee, dressed in head-to-toe denim, work boots, and at least three pens, a pocket knife, and a silver watch-Doug was a reliable man-ready to quietly repair and putter through your problems.

He will be incredibly missed by those who survive him: the love of his life, wife Beth Magnuson, his daughter Bethany Chisholm, stepdaughter Sandi Lemieux, her husband Kyle Williams and their children Ryleigh and Nathan Williams, stepson Trevor Lemieux, and an incredible community of friends and chosen family, including his best friend "Aunt" Mary Driscoll.

Never one for formalities, the family invited friends to celebrate Doug at calling hours on Wednesday, May 1 at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, from 4 - 7 p.m.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages friends to consider a donation to the Sandy Island Camp Improvement Fund leaving "Doug Chisholm" in the comment box. Funds will be used for something incredibly unglamorous and vital to the island's infrastructure, just as Doug would have wanted. <http://give.ymcaboston.org/team/551757>

## Mary Elizabeth (Kilmartin) Leccese Worked for the federal government

Mary Elizabeth (Kilmartin) Leccese, 75, passed away at home on April 27, 2024, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mary was born on March 14, 1949, in Portland, Maine. She was the cherished daughter of the late Joseph B. Kilmartin and the late Mary E. (Ball) Kilmartin.

Mary was the beloved wife of Thomas R. Leccese of Wilmington, devoted mother to sons Thomas and his wife Erica Leccese of Derry, NH, David and his wife Elizabeth Leccese of Wilmington, and Matthew and his wife Diane Leccese of Framingham, loving "Nana" (or "Nina") to her seven grandchildren, Hayden, Madison, Angelina, Camryn, David, Jack, and Riley, and dear sister to Joseph B. Kilmartin, Jr. of Clearwater, FL and Thomas W. Kilmartin of Framingham.

Mary is also survived by many cousins as well as other family and friends.

When Mary was a young girl, her parents settled in Framingham where she grew up with nothing but the fondest of memories. Affectionately referred to as "Sissy," Mary adored

her father, her mother, who was her best friend, and she had an incredibly strong bond with her brothers Joe and Tom.

Mary graduated from Framingham North High School in 1967. Following her graduation, she worked for the federal government.

In 1979, she and Tom married and settled in Wilmington, where Mary became a full-time homemaker and they raised their three children. Mary happily resided in Wilmington for the rest of her life.

Every summer she looked forward to spending time at her "happy place," the family cottages on Peaks Island, Maine. It was on Peaks where she made some of her most cherished memories, especially with her mother, brothers, children, grandchildren, many close cousins, and lifelong friends.

Mary was an avid reader and had many family pets that she adored throughout her life. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She was always the person who brought everyone together.

Her selfless spirit filled a room with light and love. She had a magnetic personality that put people at



ease. Mary will be sorely missed, and her absence will forever leave a void in the lives of those she left behind.

Visiting Hours will be held at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, May 2 from 4 - 8 p.m. Family and friends will gather at the Funeral Home on Friday, May 3 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, 11 Harnden St., (Rt. 38), Wilmington, MA, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Cancer Center at Tufts Medical Center. <http://giving.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/cancer>

## Academic excellence ceremony at TMHS

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Memorial High School will applaud the senior Class of 2024 graduating with honors at an awards ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. in the Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Academic Excellence is awarded to senior graduates who have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher.

There are three levels of distinction: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. Awarded seniors will be present-

ed with a recognition medal at this ceremony. Additionally, students will once again don the medals of honor at the graduation ceremony and will be recognized in the 2024 TMHS Commencement Program.

The goal of this ceremony is to proudly recognize the many graduating seniors that have admirably achieved academic success at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Parents/guardians may view the ceremony virtually on the local Education TV Channel (Comcast 22, Verizon 34) or on [Youtube.com/Tewksbury](https://www.youtube.com/Tewksbury)

TV. Please find the following attached program that will be used for the ceremony which includes the list of seniors who will be awarded.

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## Enax awarded WPI's Salisbury Prize

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Mikaela Enax, Class of 2024, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, was awarded the university's Salisbury Prize.

A total of 21 undergraduate students — out of a class of more than 1,200 — were nominated by their departments to receive this award. The Salisbury Prize was instituted in 1871 by Stephen Salisbury, a 19th century businessman and philanthropist who was one of the founders of WPI.

Salisbury, who also served as President of the Board of Trustees, established the award to recognize outstanding members of the senior class "who have faithfully, industriously, and with dis-

tinguished attainment" completed all course and project requirements for the bachelor's degree.

"These students exemplify the spirit of WPI," said Professor Arthur C. Heinricher. "WPI is more than an academically elite university; from the moment our students set foot on this campus, we challenge them to use their intelligence and their abilities to solve problems and help people around the world. In addition to their exceptional coursework, each recipient of a Salisbury Prize has done outstanding work in all three of WPI's required projects, one in the Humanities and Arts, one addressing a problem at the intersection of science and technology with human need, and one in their

major area of study. These students have helped make WPI a better place to study and work."

### About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems.

Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates

in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world.

WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more.

[www.wpi.edu](http://www.wpi.edu)

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### - LEGAL NOTICE -

## AUCTION INFORMATION WILMINGTON, MA

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate  
and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE  
OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN  
FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI24P0586GD

In the matter of:  
**Andrea Newton**  
Of: **Wilmington, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Minute Senior Services of Burlington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Andrea Newton** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Anastasia Hendrix of Las Vegas NV** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/10/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition.

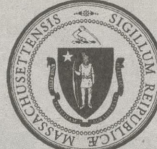
If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 18, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
240459 5/1/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURTINFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P1893EA

Estate of:  
**Francis J. Ferrelli**  
Also Known As:  
**Frank J. Ferrelli**  
Date of Death:  
**January 05, 2024**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Matthew J. Ferrelli** of Tewksbury a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Matthew J. Ferrelli** of Tewksbury has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

## MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P1733EA

Estate of: **Liliana M. Cohen**  
Date of Death: **01/30/2024**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Andrew Romano of Leominster MA** and **Robert Romano of New Rochelle NY** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Andrew Romano of Leominster MA, Robert Romano of New Rochelle NY** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## Placing Public Notices

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination  
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 22, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by **Claudio Araujo** of All Matters General Contractor for activities related to the reconstruction of a residential addition within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.

The property subject to this application is located at **54 WINDHAM RD TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 97-99.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at **www.tewksbury-ma.gov**. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at **978-640-4370**. Legal Notice can also be viewed on **www.masspublicnotices.org**

Joe Fontaine  
Conservation Agent/Planner  
240471 5/1/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following products and services for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) to the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received by mail at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until:

**10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024** where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Screener Rental
2. Guardrail
3. Pavement Markings
4. Roadway Management Services\*
5. Bituminous Products at Plant
6. Crack Sealing
7. Tree Planting Services
8. Stormwater Pond Maintenance Services
9. Catch Basin Cleaning Services

\*MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as **Pavement - Surfacing or Highway - Construction** for the project with an estimated value of **\$1,073,500.00** will be required.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: **https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department**

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at 10:00 AM on May 28, 2024."

Quantities shown in bid specifications are approximate only and will be used for comparison of bids.

Where indicated, bid proposals shall include labor rates and must conform to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 27, Department of Labor and Industries.

As a minimum, all work shall be performed in compliance with the current Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", and latest supplements. Special provisions and amendments are listed within bid specifications.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Lou Cimaglia  
Temporary Town Manager  
240475 5/1/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination  
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 22, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by **Silva Associates** on behalf of **Emerald Court Condo Trust** for activities related to re-paving existing roadways within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **1000-2000 Emerald Court, Assessor's Map 48 Lot 79.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at **www.tewksbury-ma.gov**. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at **978-640-4370**. Legal Notice can also be viewed on **www.masspublicnotices.org**

Joe Fontaine  
Conservation Agent/Planner  
240464 5/1/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**Wilmington High School**  
**Joanne M. Benton Auditorium**  
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PUBLIC WORKS

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Lou Cimaglia  
Temporary Town Manager  
240476 5/1/24

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FAMILY COURT

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P2190EA

Estate of:  
**Donald Bartlett Churchill**  
Also known as:  
**Donald B Churchill**  
Date of Death: **03/23/2024**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David W Churchill** of Windham NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **David W Churchill of Windham NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/20/2024.**

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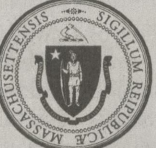
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**WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 22, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
240463 5/1/24

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THE TRIAL COURT  
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER  
PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI24P0420PM

In the matter of:  
**Andrea Newton**  
Of: **Wilmington, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Senior Services Minuteman of Burlington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Andrea Newton** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/10/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date,

action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 18, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
240460 5/1/24

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P1924EA

Estate of: **Doris Cunningham**  
Also known as:  
**Doris Biggs Cunningham**  
Date of Death: **06/17/2023**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Castalia V Jason of Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Castalia V Jason of Boston MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/15/2024.**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 17, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
240470 5/1/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P1703EA

Estate of:  
**Elizabeth E Mackey**  
Date of Death: **11/14/2023**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Pro-

bate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Debra A. Hovanasian of Dracut MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Debra A. Hovanasian of Dracut MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/23/2024.**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 25, 2023  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
245017 5/1/24



## MEETING FROM PAGE 1

ticles 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 at the same time. The list of articles in the proposed consent agenda is also reflected in the warrant article booklet.

Article 4 proposes the authorization for the treasurer/collector to enter into an agreement with banks to hold the town's funds. Article 7 pertains to sewer funds. Article 8 asks to establish funds for PEG access.

Article 9 proposes an amount of money for the 4th of July celebration, and article 10 does the same for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies. Article 11 requests funds for the VFW and the American Legion. Article 12 would establish funds for composting and subsurface sewage.

Article 3 would allow the raising or transferring of funds to pay any unpaid bills from previous years.

Article 5 is related to the expenses and salaries of the town budget, which is printed in the booklet. Temporary Town Mana-

## Town Meeting to take up more than 30 articles

ger Lou Cimaglia clarified at last week's Select Board meeting that a mistake was made in the booklet and the town's IT Director does not make \$400,000 a year as it appears. This article may be taken up by department and therefore include several votes and discussions.

Article 6 proposes money be set aside to purchase a replacement handicap van for Elderly Services; a replacement ambulance for the fire department; a replacement vactor truck, heavy-duty front-end loader, and a heavy duty baseball infield groomer for the DPW; replacement Ford F550 box and Maverick pick-up trucks for the Public Buildings Department; and a replacement handicap accessible minivan for the school department.

In article 13, a request is made to establish funds for the rehabilitation and lining of a metal drainage culvert around 340 Ballard-

vale St. Article 14 proposes the setting aside of money for a feasibility study for the Lowell Street fields improvement. Another feasibility study is proposed in article 15, for a fire substation in north Wilmington.

Article 16 would seek money for the installation of fiber connection at the new Elderly Services Center, town hall/school administration building, and 4th of July building. The police department is seeking funds for a firing range through article 17.

Article 18 proposes money be set aside for phased cemetery development. The next article would set aside funds for the DPW sewer division enterprise. Article 20 would provide money for engineering services for the design of a replacement pump station at Industrial Way.

The school department proposed article 21 to provide replacement classroom projectors at the high school, article 22 relative to

replacement network switches at the high school, article 23 for upgrading wireless access points at the high school, and article 24 to update Chromebooks across the district.

Article 26 would seek to deposit money in the capital stabilization fund for future use, article 27 to deposit a sum into the town's retirement account, and article 28 would allow money to be moved among line items from last year's budget.

A 15-minute break will take place after article 28 is voted upon, and then a random draw will be taken to determine the order to consider articles 29 through 36.

Article 29 proposes Green Meadow Drive to be accepted as a public way.

The next article, article 30, is expected to bring a contentious discussion. It would create a multi-family overlay district in certain areas of town as required by the HLC with require-

ments for parking, an affordability percentage, a height limit, and other restrictions. The area is set to be on pieces of Main Street, Burlington Avenue, Deming Way, and West Street, incorporating the existing 40B affordable housing developments in some cases.

The Finance Committee recommend approving this article in their official position in the booklet, though members of the Planning Board and Select Board have stated in recent meetings that they will vote against this article.

Article 31 requests the creation of a stabilization fund for the Shawsheen Tech School Committee. The Finance Committee recommended disapproval of this article. Article 32 would establish a special opioid settlement account into which the opioid litigation settlement funds would be deposited.

Article 33 seeks the rezoning from R-60 to R-20 of

the land known as Edgewood Street, and article 35 proposes the rezoning from general business to general industrial for a particular plot of land. The Finance Committee and Planning Board recommended disapproval on the latter article.

Article 34 requests that the Select Board be authorized to enter into an agreement to sell or dispose of two parcels at 0 Molloy Road, and both Finance Committee and Planning Board recommended disapproval of this article.

The final article asks the town to vote to rename the Woburn Street School as the Richardson Elementary School. The School Committee and Finance Committee have both recommended disapproval.

Residents can review all of the articles in the warrant article booklet received in the mail, which names the board, committee, or resident who submitted the article and any recommendations. The costs of each article will be identified during the meeting.

## Byrnes receives praise and thanks during her last meeting

## BYRNES FROM PAGE 1

Manny Mulas, who appreciated her problem-solving skills.

Jesse Fennelly read a statement from former School Committee member Robert Hayes. Hayes said in what he referred to as a roast that Byrnes replaced him as the committee member who asked the most questions, provided the most random commentary, and apologized for a lack of eloquence. He said he held Byrnes in high regard.

He hoped the committee would give Byrnes a nice gift, joking that they could name a school after her. He said Byrnes earned the respect of her colleagues and served for the right reasons. He highlighted how she asked tough questions, put in the work, and became well-versed on local, state, and federal education issues.

On top of her volunteerism on the committee, he noted how she was also a mother, a police officer's wife, active in the community, a friend to many, and hospital employee. He suggested that she use her newly found 20-40 hours each month wisely.

One resident spoke up to appreciate Byrnes' work towards the new high

school and hiring a new superintendent. They said she's been a fierce advocate for staff and students, and her care for students was always obvious even when she disagreed with other opinions. They also said she was professional and never afraid to ruffle feathers.

Finance Committee member Scott Neville shared appreciation for Byrnes' knowledge.

"Most parents in this community don't understand how much you've done for our kids," he added.

A representative from the office of State Representative Dave Robertson commented that Byrnes was a tireless advocate and a fantastic resource for them. He presented Byrnes with a citation from the House of Representatives for her dedication to WPS and 12 years of service on the School Committee. He expressed best wishes and hope for her future success.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand forwarded some responses from teachers and other district staff. He shared that one educator appreciated her dedication and consideration of multiple vantage points, a principal appreciated her support and contribution, and

the department of student support services stated that her understanding of special education and social-emotional learning led to significant growth in the district.

Dr. Jenn Bryson highlighted Byrnes' passion for this work, and said that her stepping down would be a great loss to the community. Jesse Fennelly said that he would struggle to envision their work going forward without Byrnes. Jay Samaha thanked Byrnes for everything that she's done and appreciated her willingness to move forward even in disagreement.

Ragsdale shared appreciation for Byrnes' approach to this work. He said that she was a mentor to other committee members and a source of continuity and history. He then read a poem he had written in Byrnes' honor.

His poem spoke of her extensive note-taking, knack for finding creative solutions, doing what she believed was best, and that she would be missed.

Byrnes responded that it was difficult for her to express her own gratitude and privilege to have served alongside this group. She thanked the staff, administration, and community who entrusted her

with the responsibility of serving on the committee for 12 years.

She especially thanked Peggy Kane, Joanne Benton, Jim Micelli, Dave

Robertson, and Barry Finegold who she said helped her find her voice and strive for positive change. She also thanked her family for their unwa-

vering love, understanding, and sacrifice.

She offered herself as a resource and ally for the committee in their future endeavors.

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## School adds ‘WIN’ block to schedule

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

Having nearly finished two years with advisory block, Quirk mentioned that the school surveyed staff and students to gauge their feedback and opinions. Some of the results from last year's survey showed a desire to allow students more directed study time, include more social-emotional learning, anti-bullying, and multi-cultural content, and to add more fun activities into the time.

This feedback was incorporated into the program for this current year, as they included MARC anti-bullying content; they covered topics including executive functioning, time management, and study strategy; and they added activities such as making a Black History

Month quilt and door decorating. Quirk also described that they used feedback and included teacher partnerships in creating this year's advisory groupings.

The school also recently added the WIN, or “what I need,” block into the schedule daily.

This year's survey asked the students and staff about the ease of understanding of the materials, what worked and what didn't, suggestions for new content, and any success stories. For next year, Quirk went on to say that they want to add more content with real world scenarios and specific discipline issues, along with culturally responsive lessons.

She also shared an intention to incorporate differentiated lessons across

the grade levels.

The survey results showed strong support to have grade level groupings — groups that change at each grade level — rather than continuing in the same group for the three years. Quirk said there are pros and cons either way, but they would go with the consensus and make new groups next year.

Byrnes wondered about the staff to student ratio. Quirk explained that every staff member in the building besides administration and counselors are part of an advisory group, and the desired group size is 9 or 10 students.

Fennelly wondered what the differentiated lessons would look like. Quirk answered that they would offer more topics introducing 6th graders to the middle school and prepar-

ing the 8th graders for high school, for example.

Stephen Turner asked about whether the first six weeks of the WIN block could also incorporate some of the same content introducing 6th graders to the middle school. Quirk agreed, saying perhaps that may be a better avenue because it's scheduled more often.

David Ragsdale commented that the purpose of the advisory block was to establish connection, belonging, and relationships with adults. He asked how the achievement of this purpose could be measured. Quirk mentioned students have responded in regular surveys that they are comfortable with their advisors and that they have an adult they feel they can trust at school.

## Light turnout for spring town election

By CASEY STEVENSON  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The annual Wilmington town election has concluded for the 2024 year, ending the campaign trail for the candidates.

According to the results available on the Wilmington website, the votes fell as follows:

Lilia Maselli ran for reelection as a Select Board member and received 1,099 votes. Robert Fasulo also received 64 votes in the race. The term will last for three years.

Jonathan Richard Eaton ran unopposed for reelection for another three-year term as town moderator. He received 1,211 votes.

For the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee, Charles R. Fiore Jr. ran unopposed for another three-year term and received 1,187 votes.

And finally, incumbent David Ragsdale and newcomer Nicholas Golden were elected for the Wilmington School Committee. There are two seats open, each serving three-year terms. Ragsdale 995 received votes, while Golden 988 received votes.

In upcoming elections, the state primary is on Sept. 3, from 7 - 8 pm.

And the 2024 presidential election vote will be held on Nov. 5, with voting open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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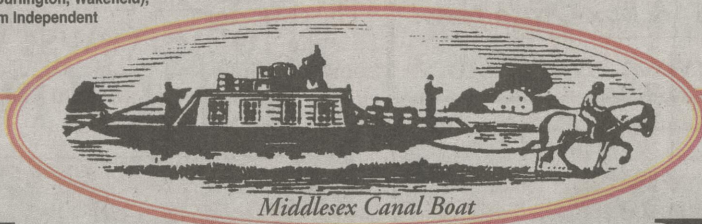
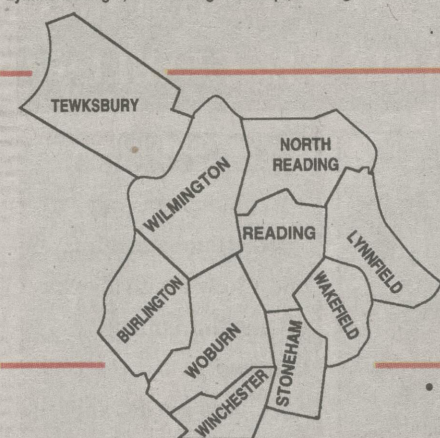
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Citing concerns about ugly and controversial works of art...

# Woburn's Planning Board sours on proposed mural legislation

By PATRICK BLAIS

MIDDLESEX - Just a few short months ago, a handful of Woburn officials contended that a few well-placed murals on nondescript concrete and brick-faced buildings could transform Woburn's downtown into a gigantic art gallery.

But while dreamers envisioned the creation of hip urban outdoor spaces and a stream of visitors fueling sales at nearby businesses, Woburn's realists foresaw a grimmer future marked by pitched First Amendment legal battles over unpopular and ugly displays.

Just a few short days ago, the naysayers won out that debate. And so Woburn's myriad of empty wall canvases will remain blank...at least for now.

Ending deliberations that began last summer, Woburn's Planning Board during a meeting in City Hall last week unanimously agreed to shelve a series of zoning amendments that would have legalized murals within the city's various commercial and industrial districts.

Specifically, at the advice of new Planning Director John Cashell, the Planning Board recommended that the mural legislation be withdrawn without prejudice.

Ultimately, Woburn's City Council holds the final say over whether that request is granted. But given that many on the council have voiced similar concerns about the zoning changes in recent months, Cashell and other critics doubt the Planning Board's recommendation will be ignored.

"In regards to [the mural proposal], the board might want to request from the City Council leave to withdraw without prejudice. [If approved], it will have the effect of leaving the door open to reintroduce this [zoning legislation] again within the next two years," Cashell explained.

### The dreamers

Last summer, Woburn Economic Development Manager Casey Hagerty, joined by former Planning Director Tina Cassidy, first appeared before the seven appointed planners to pitch the mural proposal.

Citing the popularity of similar displays in communities across the North Shore, including in Salem where



**BUT IS IT ART?**  
Above, a mural on a pumpchouse building at a North Woburn apartment complex. At left, the artist puts the finishing touches on a Bill Russell Memorial on the side wall of Andrea's Pizza off Route 28 in Stoneham are two examples of art adorning public spaces. (Courtesy Photos)

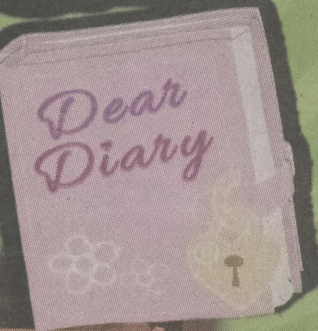
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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Tennis drama 'Challengers' scores with stylish, synthy story



**MIXED DOUBLES** - From left, Mike Faist, Zendaya and Josh O'Connor in a scene from the tennis-inspired film "Challengers" from Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures. (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures via AP)

By LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writer

"Challengers" is a bit of a tease. That's what makes it fun.

There is plenty of skin, sweat, close-ups of muscly thighs and smoldering looks of lust and hate in this deliriously over-the-top psychodrama. But get that image of Josh O'Connor, Zendaya and Mike Faist sitting together on the bed out of your mind. Most of this action takes place on the tennis court.

It's still a sexy tennis movie about friendship, love, competition and sport set to a synthy score from Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross — it just might not contain exactly what you think it does. But remember, Luca Guadagnino is the one who filmed Timothée Chalamet with that peach, perhaps more memorable than any actual sex scene from the past decade. Manage expectations, but also trust.

And like "Call Me By Your Name" did for Chalamet, "Challengers" is one of those rare original big-screen delights that firmly announces the arrival of a new generation of movie stars. Zendaya and Faist already had a bit of a leg up. She has played significant supporting roles in some of the biggest movies of the past few years, from "Spider-Man" to "Dune," and he had had his big cinematic breakthrough as Riff in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story." But it's O'Connor who really comes out on top, effectively shedding any lingering image of him as a whiny, dweeby Prince Charles in seasons three and four of "The Crown." In "Challengers," his Patrick Zweig is the cocky, flirty, slightly mean, slightly dirty and slightly broken bad boyfriend of our fictional dreams.

Written by playwright Justin Kuritzkes (who is married to "Past Lives" filmmaker Celine Song) "Challengers" is a

prickly treat, about fractured relationships, egos, infidelity and ambition. Set during a qualifying match at the New Rochelle Tennis Club, outside New York City, the intricately woven story reveals itself through flashbacks that build to a crescendo in the present-day match.

O'Connor's Patrick and Faist's Art are old boarding school roommates turned tennis teammates. It's a relationship that's at turns brotherly, erotic and competitive. Whatever it is, they are definitely too close and not remotely prepared for Zendaya's Tashi Duncan to enter the mix.

Tashi, in high school, is well on her way to becoming the next big tennis superstar. Art and Patrick watch her play, mouths agape at her technical form and physical beauty. Later, they both ask for her number, leading to a revealing night in a grungy hotel room. She promises her number to the one who wins the singles match the next day. Tashi just wants to see some good tennis, she says, but she also knows how to motivate and manipulate.

Because of the fractured timeline, we know that Tashi in the present day does not play tennis anymore. She was injured at some point and never recovered, unlike her husband, Art, who is now one of the most famous players in the world. The two of them are wildly wealthy, living in a ritzy hotel and fronting Aston Martin ad campaigns. At night, Tashi uses Augustinus Bader cream to moisturize her legs. Guadagnino, who likes to wink at and luxuriate in wealth signifiers, enlisted JW Anderson designer Jonathan Anderson to do the costumes, which will surely populate

## HomeNewsHere RECIPE

## ONE-POT LEMON-BASIL ORZO AND VEGETABLES



**LIGHT BRIGHT** - Lemon and fresh basil give this light-yet-satisfying dish its bright flavor, while the orzo, chick peas, zucchini and tomatoes complete the meal.

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat. Add zucchini; cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is lightly browned. Transfer zucchini to plate.

2. Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil, the onion and garlic to skillet. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until softened. Add orzo; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until orzo is lightly toasted. Stir in broth, tomatoes, chick peas, lemon peel, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling; cover, and reduce heat to low. Cook 8 to 10 minutes or

until most of liquid has absorbed and orzo is almost tender.

3. Add zucchini and lemon juice to orzo mixture; stir to combine. Remove from heat, cover and let stand 3 to 5 minutes or until all the liquid is absorbed. Stir in basil, and serve.

### EXPERT TIPS

For added richness and flavor, drizzle a little olive oil over the finished dish.

Cooking lemon juice dulls its flavor. For that reason, we add the lemon

### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 8 oz uncooked orzo pasta (1 cup)
- 1 1/2 cups Progresso™ vegetable broth (from 32-oz container)
- 1 can (14.5 oz) organic fire roasted diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (19 oz) Progresso™ chick peas, drained, rinsed
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup julienned fresh basil leaves

peel early in the cooking process but save the juice for the end so it can retain its bright flavor.

summer style inspiration boards the way his "A Bigger Splash" and "Call Me By Your Name" have in the past.

But while they are technically at the top, Art is also on a losing streak, so Tashi sends him to a low-stakes tournament where he can get his confidence back. That's where they encounter Patrick, who has not been so fortunate over the years and who has fallen out with his old friends. Of course, it's all building to Patrick and Art playing one another in the final match, a part of which is so wildly and comically drawn out that you can almost envision the "Saturday Night Live" spoof.

"Challengers" is a drama, but a funny and self-aware one. It doesn't take itself very seriously and has a lot of fun with its characters, all three of which are anti-heroes in a way. You might have a favorite, but you're probably not rooting for anyone exactly — just glued to the screen to see how it all plays out on and off the court.

"Challengers," an MGM release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "language throughout, some sexual content and graphic nudity." Running time: 131 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

*The Secret Comedy of Women, through Sunday, May 19 in Arlington*

## Regent Theatre presents a celebration of the journey from girlhood to womanhood for women of all ages... and the men who love them

The Secret Comedy of Women, an immersive theatrical experience that rejoices in the challenges of being a woman, will open at the Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA on April 18th and run through May 19th.

From boys to bras and pantyhose to menopause, this two-woman show explores the universal female experience through a rollicking spectacle of comedy, songs, dances, stories, and spontaneous moments of discovery that all women share.

Inspired by authors Barbara Gehring and Linda Klein's earnest and sweetly absurd writings in their girlhood diaries, The Secret Comedy of Women is a mix of sketch comedy, improvisation, audience participation, witty songs, and clever videos. The show reminds audiences of the very funny and very charming similarities between all women. "It's really like a girlhood reunion," says Klein. "Our show is something highly universal, made personal. It is definitely for women of all ages," says Gehring. "However," she adds, make no mistake, the men in our audiences love the show just as much!"

The Secret Comedy of Women actively engages its audience with its high spirited, good-natured style of humor. With reviewers calling the show "...truly brilliant." (Denver Post) and "Laugh out loud comedy!" (Broadway World) it is no wonder that this "two hour celebration of bras, purses, showers, breastfeeding and menopause" (Pittsburgh Tribune) ran continuously for nearly two years at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and has played to over a quarter of a million women across North America.

Barbara Gehring and Linda Klein both began writing and performing comedy at an early age. While young Barbara directed elaborate puppet shows in her secret fort thousands of miles away in Winnipeg, Canada, little Linda was producing extravagant backyard circuses in a tiny Colorado mountain town. Neither could have fore-



**THE SECRET COMEDY OF WOMEN** Barbara Gehring and Linda Klein (shown above, and at right) in scenes exploring the universal female experience. (Courtesy Photos)

seen how well these skills would blend together decades later when they wrote The Secret Comedy of Women. Had they known each other all those years ago, The Secret Comedy of Women is exactly the type of show they would have created together and now as adults, it is exactly the kind of show in which they've always wanted to perform. Gehring and Klein have successful careers in the entertainment industry beyond comedy, and have rich expertise in the areas of training, writing, creative thinking, logistics, administration, marketing, and public relations.

The Secret Comedy of Women will run from April 18 through May 19 at the Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street, Arlington MA. Tickets range from \$45 to \$65; group rates are also available. Tickets can be purchased online at PlayhouseInfo.com or order by phone at 781-646-4849. (For group sales call 888-264-1788).

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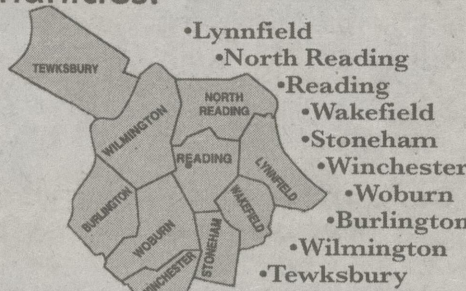
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10 Scott Rd was sold to Cai, Hua and Xu, Dongxing by 10 Scott Ave LLC for \$1,447,500 on 04/10/24

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2 Stratton Dr #101 was sold to Sulloway, Emily by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$701,955 on 04/08/24

232 Washington St was sold to Ho, Quy P and Nguyen, Phuong H by Ho, Nga for \$500,000 on 04/11/24

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visitors now go on walking tours of the outdoor art exhibits, Hagerty argued that Woburn's various commercial landlords could reinvigorate Woburn Center and various other economic hubs in the community.

Pointing out that such art displays commonly cost tens of thousands of dollars to commission, she contended that such private investment could remold parts of Woburn into chic destination spots for outdoor dining and shopping.

"Murals can really bring people together and they have the power to transform dull and vacant spaces into vibrant, visually-appealing areas," Hagerty argued while giving a presentation last August.

According to Hagerty and Cassidy, who noted the Woburn Redevelopment Authority's full support of legalizing murals, a number of businesses have in recent years expressed an interest in hiring mural artists. As recently as this summer, at least one local merchant actually commissioned such a display before the work was shut down by local Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn.

"We've done some research and heard from a number of businesses and property owners who have had an interest in murals and have received one or two applications for murals in other parts of the city," explained Cassidy.

Though there are at least two legal murals situated within special zoning districts at the Woburn Village site off of Mishawum Road and on a pumphouse building at an affordable housing complex in North Woburn, Quinn has deemed such artistic displays are forbidden in all other regular zoning districts.

Hagerty with the former planning director's input proposed a trio of zoning changes that would allow murals by-right within all industrial and commercial zoning districts.

Early on, the proposal gained a few early proponents like Planning Board veteran Claudia Leis Bolgen.

"What comes to my mind is Salem. They have a section in the city that has these enormous murals. They're so stunning that people and tourists go to Salem just to see them," said the local planner.

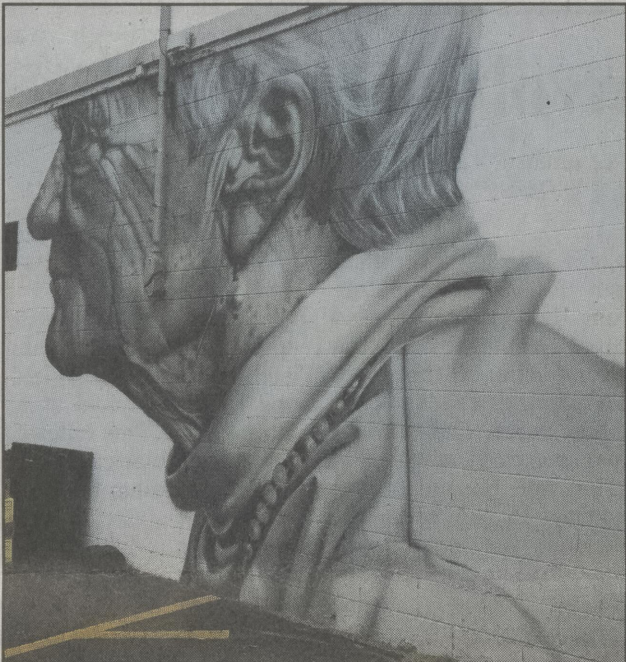
### The realists

While agreeing that some of the sample exhibits presented by Hagerty last summer were impressive, the proposed zoning legislation was also met early on by a number of detractors.

One of those critics was Planning Board veteran David Edmonds, who though considering himself an art lover, worried about what the local government could do to stop ugly or even offensive murals from being commissioned.

Edmonds, recalling a multitude of instances in which developers twisted legal definitions to sneak in unpopular development design features, also suggested that developers could stretch the meaning of a static mural to include billboards or backlit 3-D displays with moving parts.

Fellow Planner Carolyn Turner, citing similar concerns,



**WALL MURAL** - A portrait adorns the outside wall of South Peabody Liquors off of Lynnfield Street in Peabody. (Courtesy Photo)

also believed that allowing such exhibits as a matter-of-right in all commercial and industrial districts could lead to conflicts between businesses and residents in the community's mixed-use neighborhoods.

"What concerns me is I've witnessed a lot of legal maneuvering over the years [where petitioners twist what's allowable in our zoning code] through the parsing of language," said Edmonds during a discussion last summer "Maybe I'm being paranoid. I just want to make sure [we're not setting ourselves up] for something that's beyond our expectations."

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. So you could [have a landowner who feels a mural is stunning] and 500 or 600 other property owners who hate it," Turner would subsequently warn during a more recent public hearing this spring.

Based on Hagerty and Cassidy's months of research, allowing murals by-right within commercial and industrial districts would technically give landowners permission to place a mural on some 1,400 buildings scattered across the city. However, because many of those buildings are peppered with windows or have columns or other limiting architectural features, she believes most eligible landowners will not be interested.

The economic developer has also insisted that concerns about ugly or offensive artwork may be somewhat overblown, as she hasn't heard of a single instance where a community legalized exterior murals and then later

came to regret that decision.

"I have reached out to many communities with murals and none have had issues with political content or offensive content or things that would be viewed as distasteful," said Hagerty in March after speaking to municipal officials in Lynn, Revere, Bedford, Reading, Quincy, and Malden about their mural bylaws.

### First Amendment

Tweaking the proposed legislation in recent months to limit the zoning changes to a sole zoning district around Woburn Center, mural proponents ultimately could never overcome First Amendment concerns.

Specifically, from the outset of the debate, Woburn's two most recent city solicitors have made clear that privately-commissioned artistic content cannot be censored by the government, as it meets the very definition of constitutionally-protected free speech.

"Political speech would be allowed. That's something we have to talk about, because [when we first starting discussing murals], we made it seem like it was this benign thing," Edmonds emphasized during a public hearing last month. "[For example], if somebody wanted to put up an artistic display of George Washington, I imagine people wouldn't object. But if it was a more contemporary president, people may."

In recent months, Woburn's City Council echoed those objections to the ordinances as written.

"Is there a petitioner coming forward with a request for a mural on a building?" asked City Councilor Joanne Campbell during a meeting in City Hall in January. "In my view, this is something we need to move very slowly on, because how do we regulate content?"

"As we move forward, we need to be cautious of First Amendment rights. We can restrict the time, manner, or place, but we can't go to content. So we have to be careful," Alderman at-large and former Woburn Police Chief Robert Ferullo Jr. later agreed during that same City Council discussion.

Last month, during the second-to-last Planning Board debate over the matter, Cashell - who had stepped into to replace a retiring Cassidy as planning director - added his voice to the naysayers.

According to Cashell, local businesses could make the argument that the city has no right to prohibit murals within one district while allowing such protected speech within others. The \$100,000 question, he would caution, is how the state's courts would decide such a challenge.

"Here we have a can of worms that hasn't been opened. Do we want it opened by adopting a zoning ordinance that in effect [begins regulating murals]?" the planning director asked. "[When] a final decision is made, we're going to have to live with it...[and] there may be a situation where a mural is painted on a wall in Woburn that ends up offending half or more than half of the population."

## Wakefield / Melrose / Stoneham Broken Leg Productions announces upcoming Summer 2024 shows

Broken Leg Productions (BLP) is back this summer with an amazing lineup of shows for young actors in the Wakefield/Melrose/Stoneham area and beyond.

After a successful run of sold-out shows last summer, the nonprofit community theater company is once again offering four sessions starting in May, including two youth programs and two high school/early college programs. Rehearsals and shows will be held at BLP's beautiful summer home, the Savings Bank Theater

at Wakefield High School (60 Farm St.). The summer lineup includes:

### YOUTH:

Willy Wonka Kids,

Little Mermaid Jr.

### HIGH SCHOOL/

### EARLY COLLEGE:

9 to 5, Legally Blonde

To register and to learn more about the shows, go to the BLP website (<https://brokenlegproductions.com/summer-programs/>).

To learn more about BLP, go to the website or email ([info@brokenlegproductions.com](mailto:info@brokenlegproductions.com)).



## Tewksbury launches recreation program partnership with YMCA

The Town of Tewksbury is pleased to announce that, in partnership with the Greater Lowell YMCA, youth and adult recreational programming will be offered at the Recreation Center starting in May 2024.

Through the Town of Tewksbury, the Greater Lowell YMCA will provide both youth and adult recreation and wellness programs at the Saunders Recreational Facility and Fields, located at 286 Livingston Street, Tewksbury beginning in the Spring 2024.

The YMCA will offer a variety of programs including Beginner Soccer and Basketball, Visual Arts, Yoga, and Toddler Play Groups. Residents of the Town of Tewksbury do not need to be YMCA members to register for these programs. Additionally,

residents are given a two-week dedicated registration period before the programs are open to YMCA members, and only if they do not reach capacity following that exclusive registration period. This initial limited offering will have six-week programs from May 6 through June 17 with an anticipated summer camp to be announced later this month.

Registration links are hosted in the newly launched "Recreation Resources" page on the Town website under the YMCA's subpage at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov/recreation](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/recreation). The registration link will redirect to the YMCA's online portal dedicated to Tewksbury residents. The registration link may be accessed via [www.tewksbury-ma.gov/tewksburyymca](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/tewksburyymca).

In addition to the YMCA's dedicated Tewksbury programming portal, the new webpage offers links to various Town recreation resources including youth sports and the library.

The resources are listed as they have been most recently provided to the Town and are not exhaustive as they are updated on an ongoing basis. For organization-specific information, please contact the youth sports groups directly.

If you have questions or trouble registering for the YMCA programs, please contact Ashley Goroski, Assistant Camp and Families Director for the Greater Lowell YMCA, by emailing [agoroski@lowellymca.org](mailto:agoroski@lowellymca.org).





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Local woman arrested for shoplifting, drugs

Monday, April 22

8:04 a.m. - Caller out with Bradford Road stated there was a suspicious red Toyota Rav 4 parked the opposite way of traffic with one occupant. Police sent. Officers checked the area, but gone on arrival.

8:51 a.m. - Caller stated her daughters prescription was stolen out of her house at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. Officer spoke to party and report was to follow.

5:06 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a client she did work for asked to meet at the bank at Merrimack Valley Credit Union for payment. Caller stated male party was upset and refused to pay. Police sent. Rodrigo Franco, 66, of 8 Casie Lane in Westford, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor.

8:04 p.m. - Police reported suspicious package was dropped off in book return

at Tewksbury Public Library. The package was a book.

Tuesday, April 23

6:47 a.m. - Caller reported that his daughter's vehicle was vandalized sometime last night at Rolling Meadow Road. It looked like the mirror and windshield were smashed with a hammer. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

12:15 p.m. - Clerk reported customer screamed and caused a disturbance at A.L. Prime. Police sent. They spoke to all parties, just a disagreement over the warranty.

10:05 p.m. - Security monitor reported two suspicious vehicles parked behind the building of Autofair Toyota of Tewksbury. Officer sent with the two attached vehicles. Parties stopped to tail. They were on their way.

Wednesday, April 24

3:22 a.m. - A 911 caller reported person yelled and beeped outside of Ames Hill Drive. Caller disconnected, no answer on call back. Police sent. Area checked with no disturbance found. Attempted to make contact with the caller who did not answer the door or her phone. Everyone cleared.

8:07 a.m. - Caller reported white sedan parked at the top of the street, two males hopped out in an all black jumpsuit, pulled hood over their head, and began running down East Street toward Kerri Plaza. Police sent. They spoke to males. They were playing senior assassin game for high school. Parties checked out.

9:46 a.m. - A 911 caller reported his landlord threatened to kill him at Pinewood Road. Police sent. Landlord dispute. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, April 25

12:29 p.m. - Detective requested a south car to the scene at Oakdale Mall. Police sent. This was because of a possible suspicious activity inside a vehicle. All units cleared. Party was just texting.

12:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported odor of smoke showing inside the building at Upton Street. Police and full fire department response sent. The smoke was caused by malfunctioning water heater.

1:30 p.m. - Malicious damage was done to a walk in vehicle at Saunders Circle. Officer filed a report.

3:57 p.m. - A 911 caller reported patients parent was causing a disturbance due to blood work at Clark Road. Female left and went upstairs to the doctors office on the third floor. Police sent. They reported miscommunication.

10:53 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle parked in front of her home at Tony Erwin Jazz Entertainment. Caller was unable to see the plate but states it was a silver and blue SUV. Police sent. Juveniles were on the way.

Friday, April 26

7:24 a.m. - Female truck driver thought it was suspicious that two vans had pulled up behind her while she was resting at Marshalls. This was about 15 minutes ago and she has since left. Police sent. All vans in the area were unoccupied.

8:27 a.m. - A 911 caller requested to speak to an officer about his landlord that threatened him at Pinewood Road. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

9:16 a.m. - Caller reported a landscaper came into his store and reported that he was involved in an altercation with another male party at Speedway Gas Station. The landscaper was then bit by a dog. Owner of the dog was no longer on scene. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, April 27

12:25 a.m. - Caller reported to male parties, one black and one unknown, in the area of the Rec Center, one holding a wooden pallet and the other with a red gas can, walking toward East Street. Both parties wearing black hoodies and one wearing a winter hat. Police sent. Nothing showing after checks of

the park and surrounding streets.

2:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party kept banging on the emergency exit door at Noreasters Baseball and did not know who it was as she was unable to see the person. She was in the back of the facility. While on the phone, caller reported it appeared to be other people that were supposed to be for practice. Police sent. They spoke with the parties. The other party was a coach with authorization to be there.

3:15 p.m. - Walmart reported a shoplifter in the office. Police sent. Lasette Gonzalez, 38, of 365 East St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession to distribute class A drugs, a warrant for larceny under \$1,200, and shoplifting by concealing.

Sunday, April 28

12:50 p.m. - Multiple 911 calls for a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Rogers Street. Ambulance and police sent. Christopher Roque-Joaquin, 26, of 8 Fulton St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice on court warrant.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Pregnant woman involved in car accident

Friday, April 19:

1:49 a.m.: An anonymous juvenile was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a motor vehicle lights violation. This followed a stop of their red 2006 Lexus ES330 on Lowell Street.

5:49 a.m.: Angela R Ruhio of 13112 Inwood Dr., in Woburn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of her black 2018 Toyota Rav4 on Lowell Street.

5:50 p.m.: A gray 2021 Volkswagen Jetta was involved in a rollover accident prior to exit 34 on the 193 NB highway. Medical personnel arrived on the scene and extracted the driver from the car.

Saturday, April 20:

8:31 a.m.: A caller at the Lowes on Main Street reported a possibly stolen appliance that was supposed to be delivered.

5:34 p.m.: A caller at the Market Basket on Main Street reported a man begging for food with children in the middle of the parking lot. Police advised the man, and he would remain in the parking lot until his brother arrived.

5:43 p.m.: A caller on Loumac Road reported a verbal argument with a

neighbor over trimming tree branches earlier that day. Police told him to call back if there was another argument.

Sunday, April 21:

3:11 p.m.: A two-car crash was reported on the 193 NB highway, prior to exit 35. State police were notified in turn, but police were unable to locate any accidents in the area.

Monday, April 22:

11:04 a.m.: Police freed a child who was accidentally locked in their mother's car in the parking lot of Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street. The mother declined medical attention for the child.

8:43 p.m.: A caller on Kilmarnock Street reported that a black car had been parked in front of their driveway for 10 minutes. The caller later reported the car drove off towards the highway with a loud muffler, and stated there was a man standing outside. Police conducted a search but were unable to find either the car or the man.

Tuesday, April 23:

7:14 a.m.: Police witnessed a motor vehicle accident between a black 2017 Porsche Macan and a white 2020 Ford F250 that belonged to the DPW on Andover Street.

3:10 p.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported an

aggressive driver in a silver Honda CR-V, stating that the operator passed three vehicles on the wrong side of the road, and brake checked the caller twice. The incident had occurred about 5-10 prior, and the caller was advised to call while the incident was occurring in the future for better assistance.

5:26 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident between a white 2017 Mitsubishi Lancer and a blue 2004 Volkswagen New Beetle was reported on Middlesex Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, April 24:

6:51 a.m.: Cleiton Apostolo Souza Junior of 6th Ave, in Lowell, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop/yield, and failure to yield at an intersection. This followed a stop of his black 2011 Ford Fusion on Salem Street.

10:16 a.m.: Achal Pragneshkumar Vyas of 1302 Ames Hill Dr., in Tewks-

bury, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his blue 2022 Nissan Sentra on Ballardvale Street.

3:52 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident between a brown 2003 Buick Century and a black 2012 Chevy Cruze was reported on Main Street. The caller, who was involved in the accident, was heavily pregnant and had a child in her vehicle. The caller was transported for medical evaluation. Ultimately, both vehicles only sustained minimal damage.

Thursday, April 25:

10:45 a.m.: A caller on West Jamaica Avenue stated that his parked black 2002 Porsche Boxster was struck by a Fox Pest Control truck about 5-10 prior, and had been advised by neighbors who witnessed the incident. Police called the manager of Fox Pest Control.

5:30 p.m.: A caller on Corey Avenue reported hearing the sounds of what she thought could be gunshots coming from the water tower. Police searched the area, but were unable to find any evidence of gunfire.

## May 4 is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

STOW — Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is next week, and Massachusetts fire service leaders are urging residents to protect their homes and neighborhoods while reducing the risk posed by wildland fires.

"Wildfire Community Preparedness Day promotes awareness of the wildland fire risk to people, property, and the environment," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "We encourage everyone to take time tomorrow to defend their homes and families. Clearing flammable debris, creating an evacuation plan, and committing to outdoor fire safety can reduce the risk of a wildland fire damaging your home."

"Wildland fires aren't just a West Coast phenomenon," said Department of Conservation & Recreation Chief Fire Warden David Celino. "Massachusetts experiences more than 1,000 of these fires each year, and many of them have the potential to put residential areas at risk. Some thoughtful yard work and planning can reduce the hazard to lives and property."

Over 50% of Massachusetts homes are within the Wildland-Urban Interface zone, where development adjoins and mingles with the natural environment. Wildland fires in these areas can easily extend to homes, and residential fires can spark wildland fires that spread to hundreds of acres and tax regional fire resources.

So far this year, there have been about 200 wildland fires in Massachusetts. During last year's spring fire season, five homes were severely damaged or destroyed from relatively small backyard wildland fires.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a chance to protect yourself and loved ones from these hazards by reducing flammable fuels from the area surrounding your house. Wildland fires most often spread to homes via small flames or embers, and clearing the home and surrounding area — also known as the Home Ignition Zone — of dead vegetation, mulch, firewood, low branches, and other fuels can reduce that risk. A manageable one-day project could include cleaning gutters and porches, removing

debris from under porches and stairs, raking leaves and pine needles at least five feet from the foundation, and moving wood piles further from the structure.

Residents should also know what to do in the event that evacuation from the neighborhood becomes necessary. Pack an emergency kit with three days' worth of supplies for your family members. (You can learn more about emergency supply kits from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency). Plan two ways out of your house, and identify two alternate travel routes out of the area in case your usual route is impassable. Be sure to let family members, guests, babysitters, and others know your home escape and evacuation plans.

Finally, almost all outdoor fires start with human activity — so everyone can also play a part in reducing the occurrence of wildland fires:

- Never toss cigarette butts or other smoking materials in dry vegetation, mulch, or debris
- Open burning season ends on May 1, so obtain a permit before conduct-

ing any open burning prior to that date and remember that open burning is prohibited year-round in some communities

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department, and once lit attend to them at all times

- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire, and be sure the fire is out cold before leaving.

- Keep grills at least 10' from the house and away from low branches and shrubs

- If using an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle, be sure the spark arrester is properly installed, as required by Massachusetts law

- Don't park an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle on or near dry vegetation, and turn the engine off when stopped for an extended period of time.

You can learn more about Wildfire Community Preparedness Day from the National Fire Protection Association, and more about wildland fire prevention from NFPA's Firewise USA program.

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## O'Donnell named to Dean's List at UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Carina O'Donnell's outstanding academic performance in the fall 2023 term has earned her a place on the Dean's List at the

University of Massachusetts Amherst.

O'Donnell attends the Eisenberg School of Business.

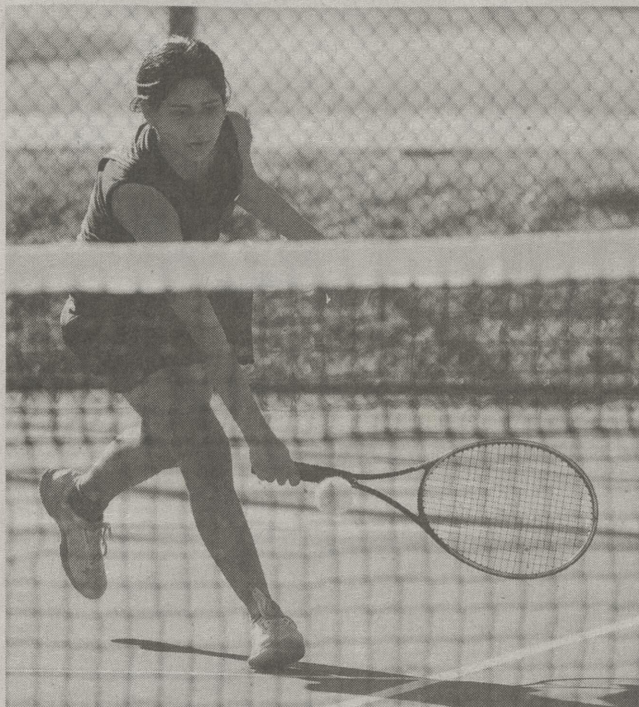
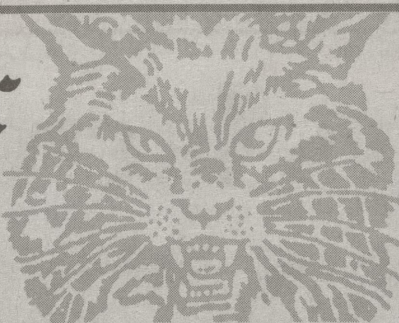
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versity, we commend your achievement and extend our congratulations."

To be placed on the Dean's List, an under-

graduate student must have had full-time status and attained a minimum grade point average of 3.5, based on at least twelve graded credits.





▲ Shubhangi Tripathi earned a nice win against Woburn last week. (Joe Brown photo)

## Girls tennis sweeps Woburn, 5-0

Wildcats drop only one set in dominating victory

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The Wilmington High girls tennis team continued its fine season last week with a 5-0 sweep against Woburn. The Tanners kept most of the matches competitive, but the Wildcats sim-

ply had too much depth. At No. 1 singles, Savannah Beatrice won her match, 6-3, 6-2 before Jaslene Ryou won at No. 2 singles by one of the most unique scores that will be seen on a tennis court, 1-6, 6-1, 6-0. Shubhangi Tripathi won a gritty match at third singles, 7-5, 6-4.

In doubles, Wilmington hung on to win both matches despite some serious pushback from Woburn. At No. 1, Madison Benoit and Sophia LaVita won 6-0, 6-3 while the second doubles tandem of Alison D'Arco and Maria Cummings won, 6-0, 6-4. In other recent action,

the Wildcats lost a tight match against Burlington, 3-2. Wilmington won at the top two singles spots, but the Red Devils won tight matches at No. 3 singles and on both doubles courts. WHS won at first singles as Savannah Beatrice beat Burlington's Mason Alon-

gi, 6-3, 6-3. At second singles, Wilmington's Ryou topped Sonali Patel, 6-0, 6-2. The Devils bounced back at third singles where Shreeya Patel defeated Tripathi of Wilmington, 6-4, 6-2. At second doubles, Wilmington's team of Maria Cummings and Alison

D'Arco won the first set 6-3, before falling to Phoenix Mahoney and Therese Kosinski, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3. Sophia LaVita and Madison Benoit represented the Wildcats at first doubles and lost a tight match against Jules Piscatelli and Allesia Pedruzzi of Burlington.



▲ Jaslene Ryou hits a backhand during a recent match. (Joe Brown photo)

## Girls lacrosse working hard

Wildcats lose three tight contests

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The Wilmington High School girls lacrosse team is so close. But close doesn't cut it in the Middlesex League.

The Wildcats suffered three losses last week, including a pair of one-goal defeats and a three-goal loss. "It's frustrating because that's what it was last year," said WHS coach Chris Frissore. "We finally

got over the hump against Tewksbury earlier in the year, and we were hoping this is the year we'd get over the hump in all those games." Wilmington allowed five goals in the first quarter in a 9-8 loss to North

Reading on Monday, but the 'Cats didn't fold. They never do.

"We keep getting down early, but we're fighting back," Frissore said.

Leah Murphy scored three goals in the loss, followed by Jill Collins (two), Cate MacDonald, Maddie Sainato, and Gabby Kulevich.

It was the same story in Friday's 14-11 loss to Watertown.

The 'Cats gave up five more goals in the first quarter before having to crawl back into the contest to eventually cut the deficit to a pair with 1:30 left in the game.

"It's definitely good to see that we're fighting until the end," said Frissore. "It was 13-8 with four minutes left and I called a timeout, and I

said I think we can do this. And the girls went on a little run, and we scored three goals."

Leah Murphy headlined the scoring with five goals in front of MacDonald (two), Collins (two), Sainato, and Kulevich.

Their first loss of the week came on Tuesday, a 12-11 heartbreaker to Shawsheen Tech, highlighted by hat tricks from Murphy and Kulevich. MacDonald scored twice, while Collins, Kiera Warford, and Dani Chillemi netted tallies.

However, Frissore has noticed a vast improvement in the team's discipline.

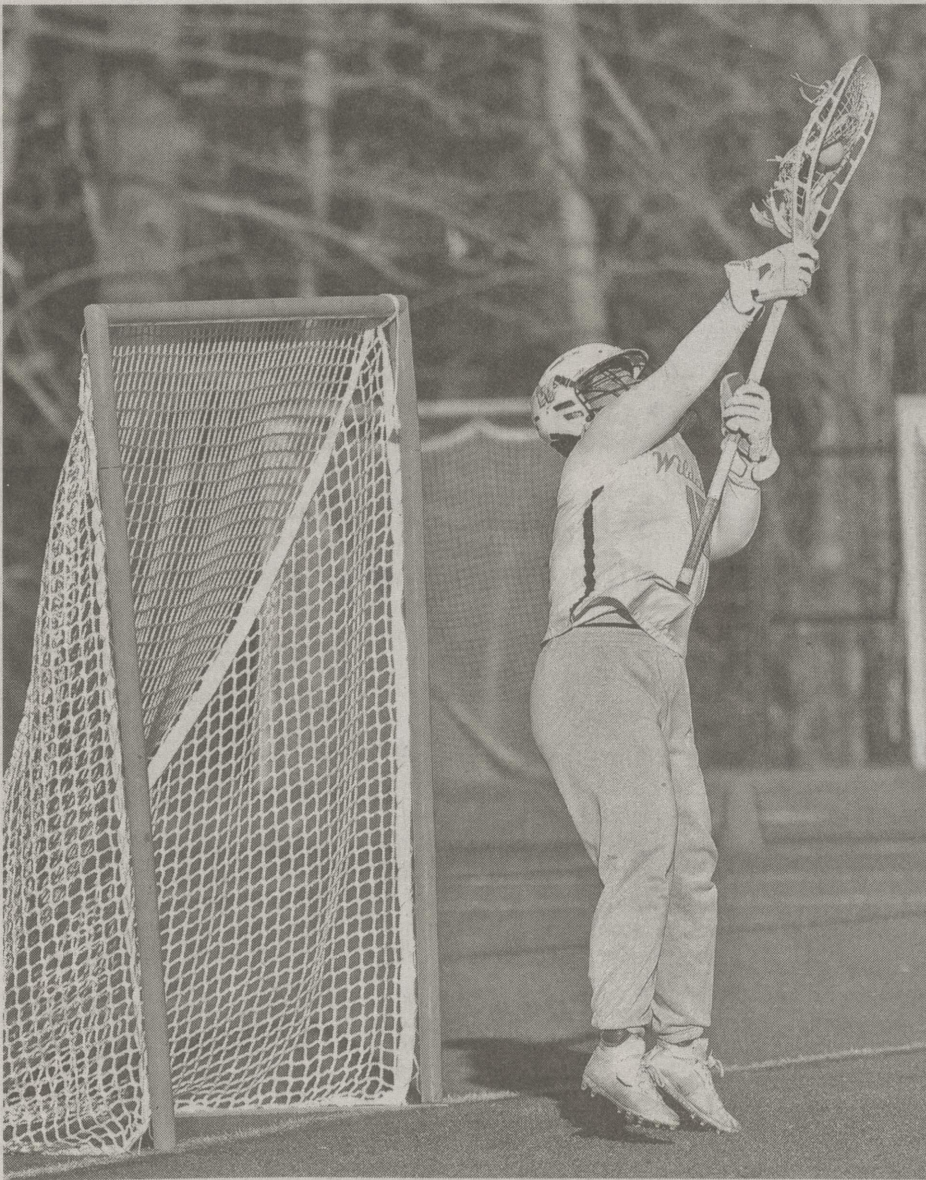
The 'Cats have stayed out of the penalty box compared to weeks prior, which has allowed the Wildcats to possess the

ball on offense and have opportunities to be competitive in the three-game slate.

"I've seen a big improvement," said the coach. "The last three games that we've been close, we've taken care of that, and it's gotten a lot better."

Arlington (Tuesday), Woburn (Wednesday), and Tewksbury (Monday) remain on the docket up next for Frissore and his team.

"If we want to, we can definitely pull out a few wins at the end of this year," he said. "It will be a lot of tough games, but if we play a whole game, play good defense, and possess the ball, we can beat a majority of the teams."



▲ Wilmington girls lacrosse goalie Abby Driscoll makes a nice save against Watertown. (Both photos, James Thomas Photography)

► Wilmington's Maddie Sainato looks for a teammate to pass to from midfield.





# Big week for boys lacrosse

Wildcats defeat Stoneham  
and Watertown

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The Wilmington High School boys lacrosse team is finally starting to put the pieces together.

After a four-game skid that held the Wildcats to just one win on the season, Wilmington strung together two victories last week to get back on track. The 3-5 Wildcats currently stand at No. 27 in the Div. 3 Power Rankings.

"We've been so close all season," said WHS coach John Fortes. "We're in all those games, and we were a couple of plays away from pulling out wins there. We were able to figure it out in the last two."

It all started on Wednesday, when the 'Cats beat Stoneham by a score of 13-7 to snap the losing streak.

Michael Lawler led the attack with four goals, while Colin Allard (three) and Charlie Rooney (two) were close behind. Wednesday's win was all about execution, an area of Wilmington's game that has lacked since to start of the season.

"It comes down to execution," said Fortes. "We're able to get the good looks and we're able to run an offense. We're able to play defense and get our slides, but we'll miss the net on a good look or drop the ball when we're on transition. We've cut down on those mistakes and we've worked on those in practice."

Wilmington kept the ball rolling against Watertown, escaping with a 14-3 win on the road in another strong showing for the visitors.

Lawler (four), Allard (three), and Rooney (two) yet again led the pack on offense.

"Now that everything is coming together, it's important that we stick to our



▲ Wilmington's head coach John Fortes talks to his team just before the half in their game against Stoneham.

(James Thomas Photography)

game plan and what we know how to do well," Fortes said. "So far, it's worked for us that past couple of games."

While Wilmington's scoring trio has done their job on the offensive side of the ball, sophomore netminder Luke DeProfio has impressed between the pipes. "He's been unbelievable this season," said Fortes. "He didn't get much experience last year only playing in a couple of games, but he's definitely exceeded expectations."

While defensemen Ali Aboukal, Jon Mehr and Luca Cudia don't see their efforts translated on the stat sheet, their efforts in front of DeProfio have

been invaluable for the Cats.

"We've been leaning on our three defensemen, who really don't get much credit at all," Fortes said. "Those are three guys who never look for any credit at all. They're great in every game, and they bring the lunch pail every day."

Fortes and his squad will look to build on their momentum in a two-game swing against Woburn (Wednesday) and Bedford (Monday). And the 'Cats will indeed be monitoring the Power Rankings as motivation and a measuring stick as the second half of the season gets underway.

"Now there's something tangible," said the coach. "There's something right in front of our faces to

kind of see where we're at. Going on that losing streak, we have no idea where we're at. It's nice

to see that we're in right now, but we still got plenty of work to do."



▲ Michael Lawler (left) of Wilmington and Cooper Spence (right) of Winchester battle for a loose ball during their varsity matchup at Wilmington High School.

(James Thomas Photography)

◀ Wilmington's Colin Allard moves the ball against a tough Winchester defense.

(James Thomas Photography)



## Softball gets back on track, beats Arlington

Wildcats snap two-game skid after holding off Spy Ponders

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The Wilmington High softball team beat Arlington on Monday by a score of 5-3, improving WHS to 6-3 on the year and ending a brief two-game skid for the Wildcats.

Wilmington plated three runs in bottom of third to take the lead.

Singles by Ali McElligott, Lily Mackenzie and a two-run single by Eva Boudreau helped the 'Cats take the lead.

In the bottom of fourth, Wilmington scored again for a 5-0 lead. After a base on balls, Julia Archer stole second base,

was moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Kiersten Moore and scored on a wild pitch.

In top of fifth, Arlington battled back by scoring three runs of its own, but Wilmington hung on.

Freshmen Izzy Maiella went the distance in the circle for WHS and earned the victory.

The Wildcat defense pulled off another double play in the contest.

WHS lost in previous games to Belmont by a 3-2 score and Woburn by a 4-0 final.

After hosting Reading on Tuesday, Wilmington faces Lowell Catholic at home on Monday at 6 p.m.

◀ Izzy Maiella fires a pitch for Wilmington against Woburn.

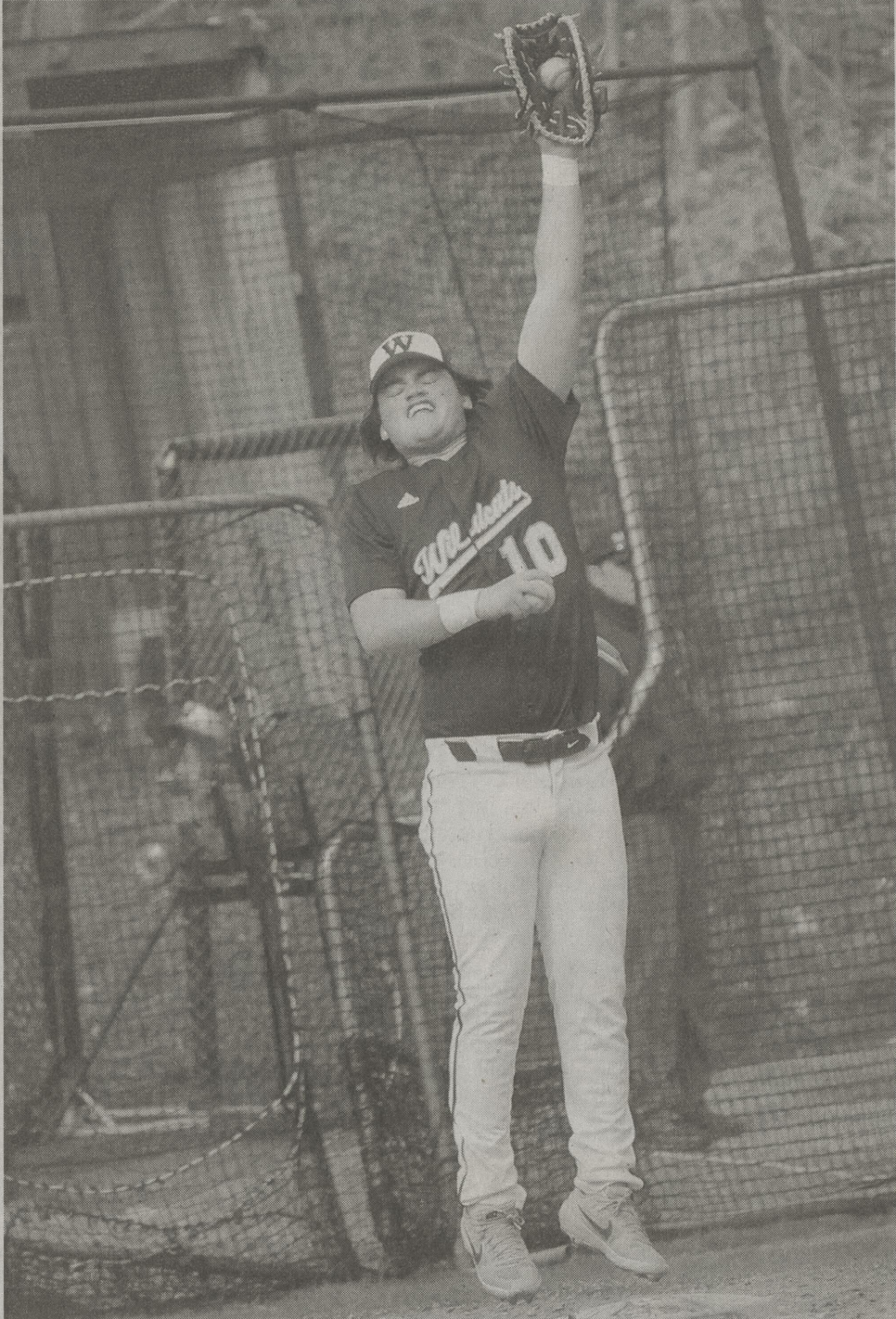
(Joe Brown photo)







▲ Austin Harper pitched well last week against Woburn. (Photo by Doug Hastings)  
► Noah Spencer jumps to make a catch at first base. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Brian Banks throws a pitch for Wilmington. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

## WHS baseball rallies past Belmont

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The Wilmington High baseball team certainly hasn't been short on dramatics this season. In nine games, the Wildcats (6-3) have seen six of those games be settled by one or two runs. In one-run games, WHS is 4-0 including last week's 10-9 thriller over Belmont at Wilmington High. The Wildcats trailed 3-0 after two innings, were down 7-6 after four and a half frames and then faced a 9-7 deficit heading into their final at-bat before plating three runs in the bottom of the seventh in-

ning to earn a 10-9 victory. Mike Dynan provided the winning RBI with a walk-off single. In all, the Wilmington offense produced 13 hits and eight RBIs. Ayden Balter started on the mound for WHS and threw the first five innings before Noah Spencer finished up, earning the victory with the last two frames of relief. Spencer allowed two unearned runs in his stint. Wilmington scored six runs in the third inning to take a 6-3 lead before falling behind again in the fifth. After a run in the fifth, the Wildcats didn't score again until winning the game in the seventh. Balter led the Wilmington offense batting 3 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Brian Banks was 3 for 4 and drove in two runs and Austin Harper also had a hit and two RBIs. Eric Spinney also drove in a run for Wilmington. Dynan had a hit, drew two walks, scored a run and drove in the game winner for Wilmington. Adding to the Wildcat offense was Ryan Gray and Jacob Doherty with two hits apiece and Connor Lovell, who had a hit and scored a run. Theo Bryson and courtesy runner Noah Titterton also scored runs for WHS.

### Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

# Ram softball falls to Greater Lowell

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Last Thursday, the Shawsheen Tech softball team dipped to 2-4 overall after a 15-6 loss to Lowell Catholic and a 13-1 defeat at the hands of Greater Lowell. Against Greater Lowell, Alivia Imbimbo went 3 for 3 at the plate for the Rams and Haylee Johnston had the other Shawsheen hit. Against Lowell Catholic, Frankie Reardon was a standout for the Rams. She was 2 for 4, drove in two runs and scored twice. Gianna Caruso was also 2 for 4 with an RBI while Johnston and Kayla Mason also drove in runs. Imbimbo didn't have a hit, but walked three times and scored twice while other Rams with two hits included Reagan Bowden and Hope DiDonato. The Rams host Minute-man Regional and Northeast Regional this week on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

#### BASEBALL

Shawsheen Tech's baseball team upped its record to 8-2 with three recent victories over Whittier Tech, Dracut and Northeast Regional. In a 4-0 win over Dracut, Matt Flynn pitched 4.1 innings of one-hit ball to earn the victory. Nate Galanis, Will Trach, Ryan Jamieson and Brody Amenkowicz all drove in

runs for the Rams. Galanis had two hits on the day for Shawsheen. In a 7-2 win over Northeast, Brendan Lee and Jamieson split the pitching duties with Lee tossing four innings and Jamieson going the last three. Lukas Poirier had four hits and scored three times to lead the way while Amenkowicz had four RBIs to go with three hits. Galanis had two more hits in the victory. Lee and Jake Carr also had hits. Last Friday, Shawsheen (8-2) went 11 innings before edging Whittier, 5-4, in a big Commonwealth Athletic Conference battle. Poirier went eight innings on the mound and surrendered only one earned run, scattered six hits and struck out nine. He left the game with the score 4-4. Robbie Welch tossed the remaining three innings and only allowed two hits to earn the win. Shawsheen tied the game at four in the bottom of the seventh inning with back-to-back RBI hits from Amenkowicz and Dyllon Pratt, scoring Poirier and Galanis. In the bottom of the 11th inning, Poirier got on with a base hit, stole second base, and then Galanis roped a ball to center for the game winner. Pratt had two RBIs for the Rams.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE



▲ Reagan Bowden congratulates Frankie Reardon during a recent game. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

This was a week to remember for the Shawsheen Tech girls lacrosse team. The Rams improved to 6-

1 with two gritty victories, a one-goal triumph over Wilmington and a win by two goals over Nashoba Tech.

Izzy Ferguson scored the game winner in a 12-11 win against the Wildcats. Ferguson ended up with five goals, leading a group

of six scorers. Fiona Rexford and Riley Rourke added two goals



## Shawsheen boys lacrosse keeps on rolling

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apiece while Alexis Fox, Cera Salter and Alyssa Constantiello each added a goal. Goalie Mia Vacha made nine saves.

In a 9-7 win over Nashoba, Vacha made six saves behind a defense led by Maya Noyes and Valentina Mosquera.

Rexford's three goals led the offense.

Ferguson and Judith Sloman had two goals apiece and Rourke and Natalia Pitta also added tallies.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Two more games, two more lopsided wins.

The Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team moved to 6-0 on the season after blowout wins over Minuteman Regional and Nashoba Tech.

In a 15-2 shellacking of Minuteman, nine different Rams had at least one goal.

Zack Timmons, Chase Darcey and Jack Martins all finished with four points on the day. Martins had

three goals and an assist while Timmons and Darcey each finished with two goals and two assists.

Shaun Ricchi added three points with two goals and one assist.

Kyle Gray also had a pair of goals for Shawsheen.

Others that chipped in with goals were Justin Thibert, Quinn Carbone, Charlie Shannon and Larry Cullity. Thibert contributed an assist as well.

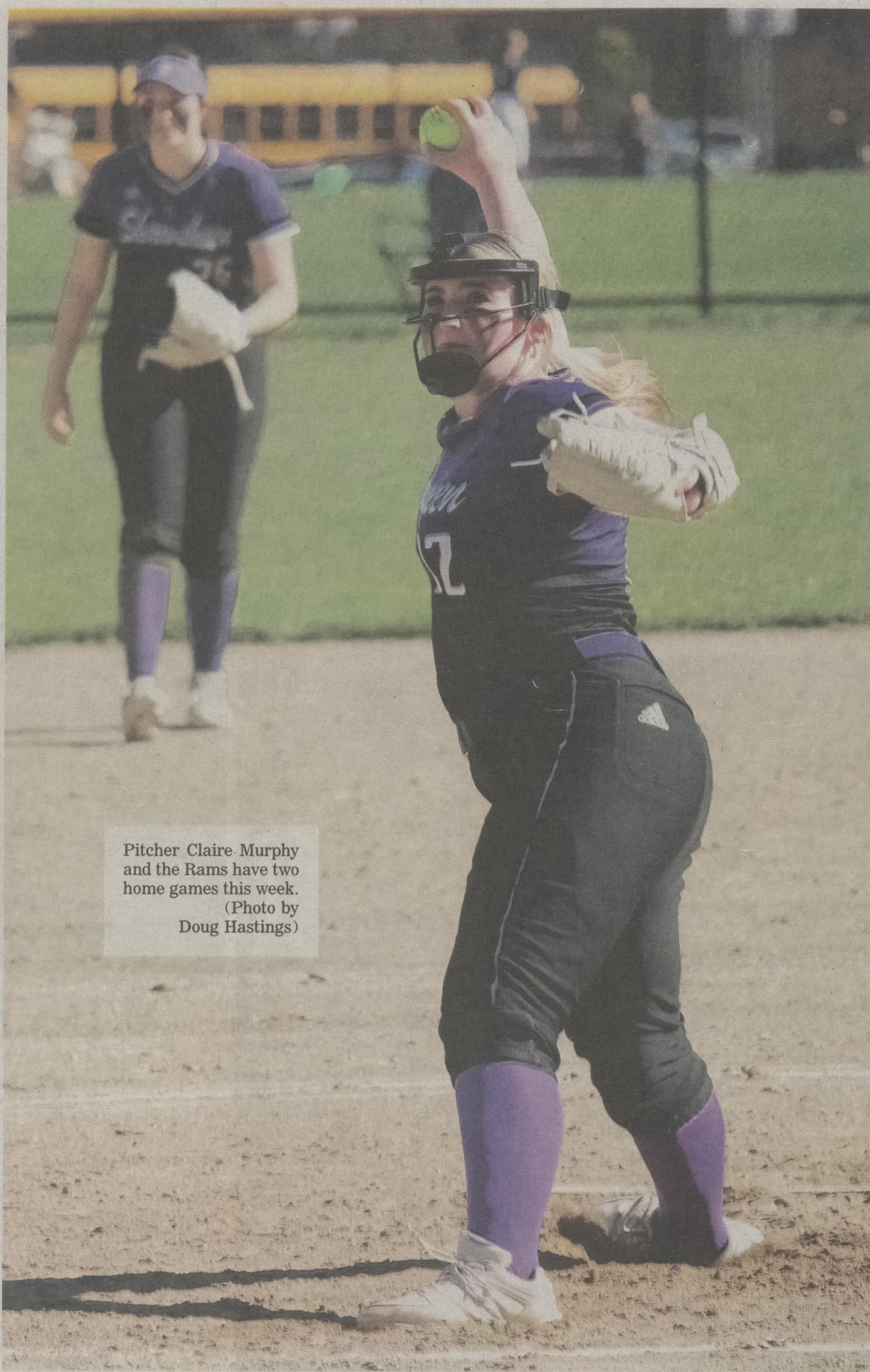
In goal, Nate Malandain and Quinn Guinane split the victory.

Shawsheen beat Nashoba, 16-2.

Guinane had another easy win in net and seven players had two points or more.

Darcey had a goal and four assists, Timmons had two goals and two assists, Carbone erupted for four goals, Ricchi scored three times, Thibert had a pair of goals and both Martins and Gray chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Also adding goals was Jacoby Patterson and Niko Georgoulis and additional assists went to Mike Cedrone and Nick D'Amico.



Pitcher Claire Murphy and the Rams have two home games this week.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

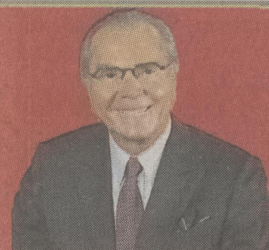
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Girls - Grade 1  
PSG vs Real Madrid

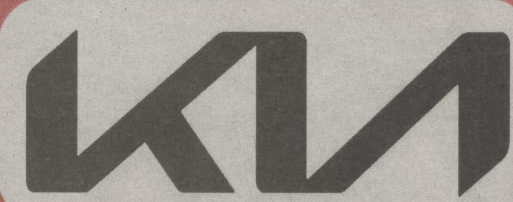
Top-notch play kept people watching this one. Excellent offensive plays by Charlotte Bendel, Hadley Eaton, and Chloe Kotopoulos applied heavy pressure causing Paris St-Germain to back pedal. Defensive positioning by Ana Comeau and Hadley Peterson fended off any threat that came through making it tough for Paris St-Germain. Adelaine Michaud and Emmy Soohoo also played a great all-around game, keeping the game in hand.

Girls - Grade 1  
Inter Milan vs Juventus

Juventus would not back down from this back and forth match. Goals by Callie Hayes and Mia Mounsey brought the crowd to a frenzy. A spectacular display of defensive skills was shown by Anna Coen, Penelope Ruggeri, and Joy Grossman. In addition, the midfield play of Jennavieve Rescigno and Seren Tagliarino kept constant pressure on the opponent's net.



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